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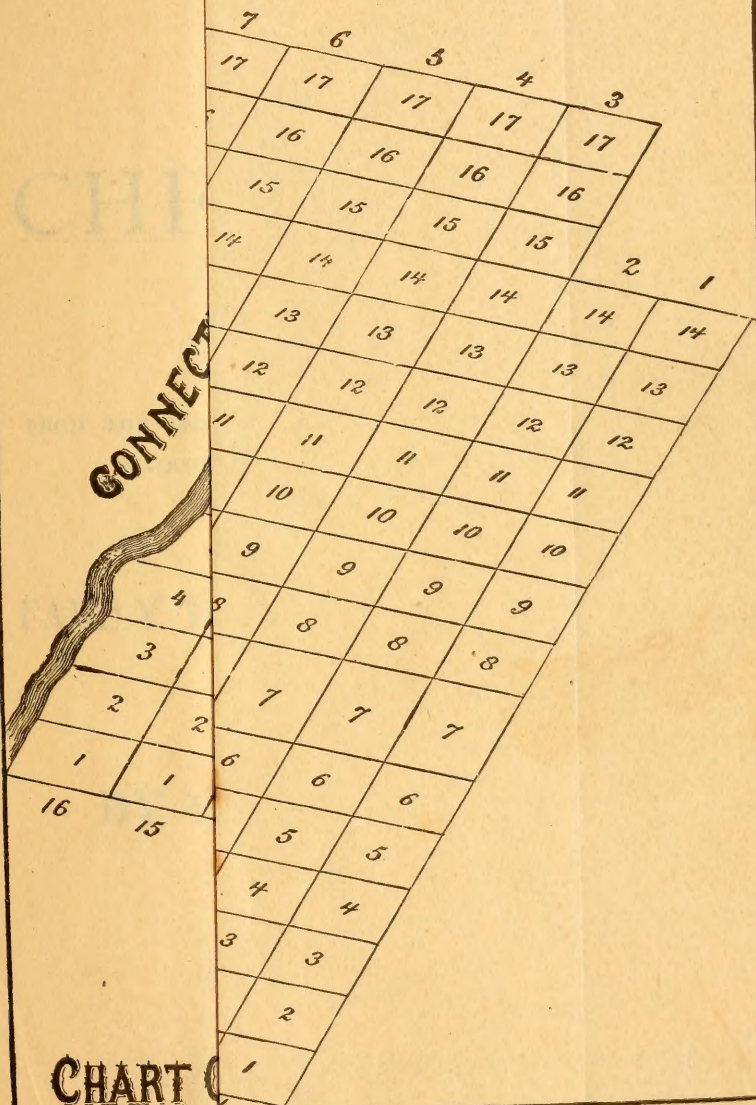


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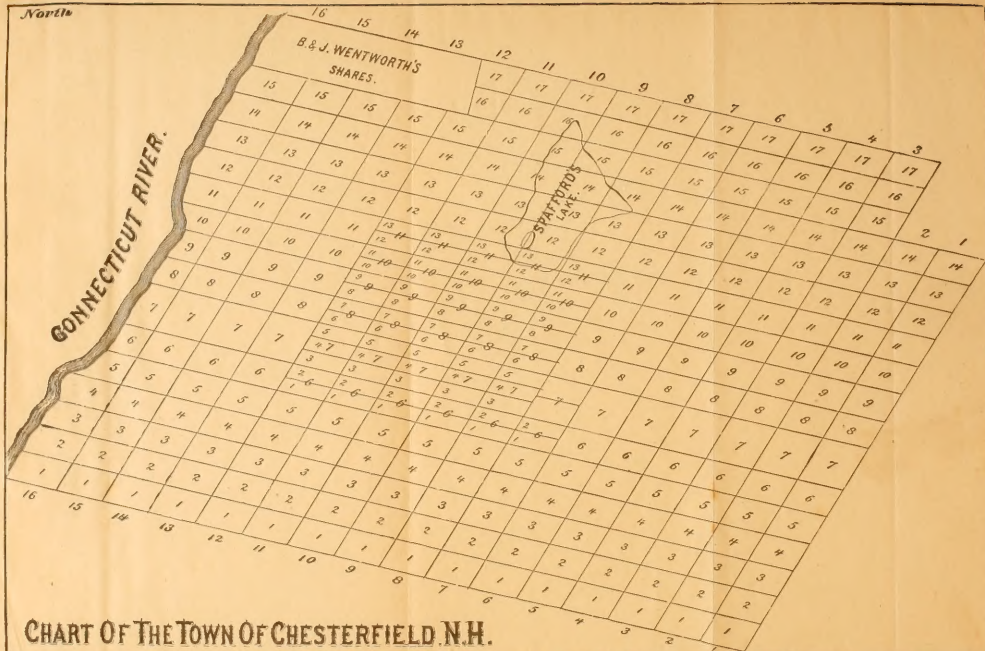
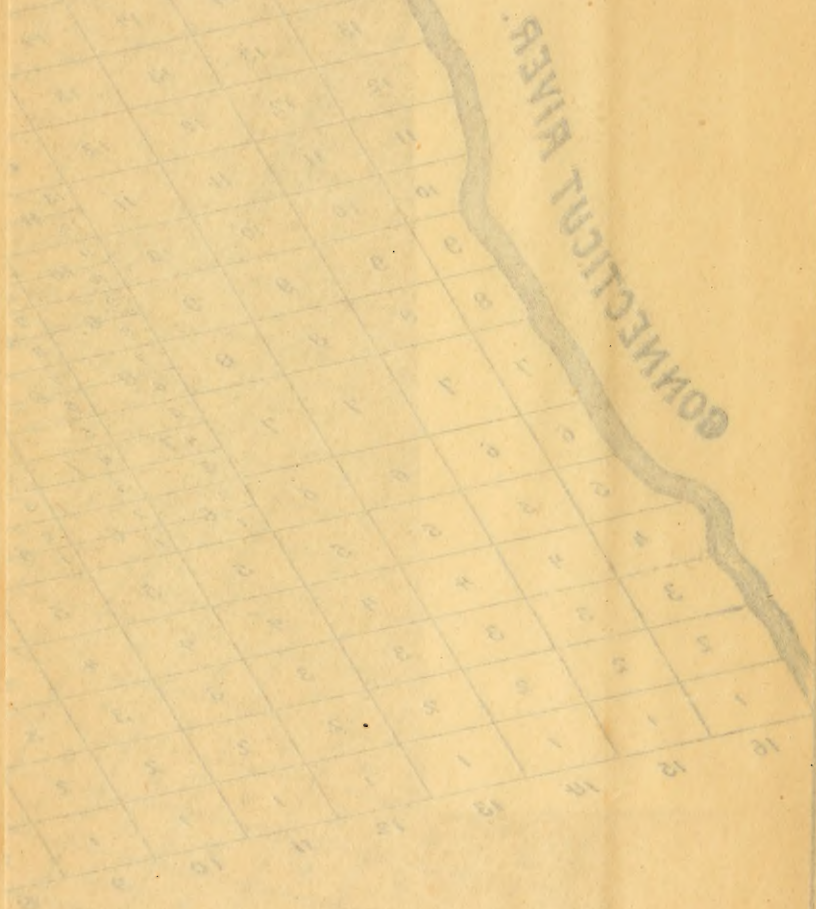


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HISTORY
OF
CHESTERFIELD,
New Hampshire
CHESHIRE COUNTY, N. H.,

FROM THE INCORPORATION OF "TOWNSHIP NUMBER ONE," BY
MASSACHUSETTS, IN 1736, TO THE YEAR 1881;
TOGETHER WITH

FAMILY HISTORIES AND GENEALOGIES.

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PREFACE.

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In preparing this volume the author and compiler has been chiefly actuated by the desire to save from oblivion some of the most important facts in the history of Chesterfield.

The obstacles in the way of writing a thoroughly good history of the town have, in some respects, been greatly increased during the past quarter-century, for reasons so obvious as to need no explanation. The writer has never been sanguine enough to believe that he could more than partially overcome these obstacles.

The materials for this work have been derived from all readily accessible sources; but it is to be regretted that investigation in certain directions has been impeded, and sometimes prevented, by want of sufficient pecuniary means. The records of the State, county, and town, have, nevertheless, been carefully examined, and have yielded bountifully; the histories of other towns, both in this State and Massachusetts, have, to some extent, also been consulted. In the preparation of that portion of Chapter I relating to the history of the settlements in the Connecticut valley anterior to the date of the settlement of Chesterfield, the excellent "History of Northfield, Mass.," by Temple and Sheldon, has been of great service; as have, also, Dr. Belknap's "History of New Hampshire," and other works. To many persons, both residents of this and other towns, the compiler is indebted for a knowledge of many important facts and interesting incidents. This indebtedness he gratefully acknowledges; and, especially does he thank the inhabitants of Chesterfield for the courtesy with which he has been treated by them during the prosecution of his long and laborious task.

In collecting and arranging so large a mass of materials as that from which this volume has been compiled, it is not to be expected that mistakes have been wholly avoided; but great pains have been taken to keep the work as free from serious errors as possible. For

such as are due to his own carelessness or ignorance, the compiler holds himself responsible; but not for the mistakes of others, when it has not been in his power to correct them.

The greater part of the money necessary for publishing the work has been raised by subscription, each subscriber agreeing to take at least one copy at a fixed price. In obtaining subscribers much assistance has been received from Murray Davis, Esq., of this town, and Mr. Chancey S. Farr, of Hinsdale. The town also voted, at the November meeting in 1880, the sum of one hundred dollars, to aid in the undertaking. But the total amount raised has not been sufficient for the purpose, owing to the low price for which the book has been sold. This price was established at a too early period in the progress of the work to admit of a reliable estimation of the size that it would ultimately attain.

No part of the expense of procuring portraits for this volume has been borne by the compiler. The portrait of Rev. Abraham Wood, which was obtained at considerable expense, is mainly due to the liberality of Hon. Charles J. Amidon, of Hinsdale, and Mr. Bradley Stone, of West Acton, Mass.

It has been found necessary to exclude from the Family Histories and Genealogies all families established in this town since the year 1855.

The biographical sketches are, for the most part, included in the Family Histories, and are, with few exceptions, very brief. It has not been the purpose of the compiler to prepare long and elaborate biographical notices, even had there been room for them: the most that he has aimed to do in Part Second, has been to present compact and reliable registers of the most permanent of the numerous families that were earliest established in the town. For further explanations concerning this part of the work, the reader is referred to page 207.

In some instances the expressions "at the present time," "at present," or their equivalents, have been used in Part First without farther specifying the date. In such instances the year 1881 is to be understood. These expressions were employed in the confident expectation that the volume would be published before the end of that year.

O. E. R.

August, 1882.

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INTRODUCTION.

GEOGRAPHY.



CHESTERFIELD is bounded on the north by Westmoreland and Keene, on the east by Keene and Swanzey, on the south by Winchester and Hinsdale, on the west by the Connecticut river, or, more strictly speaking, by Brattleboro' and Dummerston, in Vermont. The area of the town, exclusive of the Connecticut, which flows along its western border for a distance of about six miles, is nearly forty-four square miles. The first recorded perambulation of the town lines took place in 1793, at which time the line between Chesterfield and Westmoreland was measured by Jonas Robbins of the latter town, and found to have a length of "seven miles and three-fourths and forty-four rods," its direction being "east, $10^{\circ} 13\frac{1}{2}'$ south."

The line running from the northeast corner of Chesterfield to the southwest corner of Keene, was described as having a length of one mile and sixteen rods, and a direction of "south, $8^{\circ} 30'$ east;" and the line running from the southwest corner of Keene to the northwest corner of Swanzey, as having a length of two hundred and sixty-three rods, and a direction of "east, $8^{\circ} 30'$ south." The line between Chesterfield and Swanzey was surveyed the same

year by John Braley, and was described as having a direction (starting from the northwest corner of Swanzy) of "south, $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ west;" but its length was not stated. According to measurements made at a later date, this line has a length of nearly four and one-half miles.

The same surveyor also surveyed, in 1793, the line that separates Chesterfield from Winchester and Hinsdale, and found it to have a direction of "west, $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ north," starting from the southeast corner of Chesterfield. The length of this line was also not stated, but it is about seven and seven-eighths miles.

The surface of the town is, for the most part, hilly, the meadows and plains being comparatively limited. At a few points on the Connecticut there are small meadows and plains, some of the latter having an elevation of 200 feet, or more, above the river. There are also small meadows in other parts of the town, through which flow some of the larger brooks.

"Wantastiquet," or "West River Mountain," lies in the extreme southwest corner of Chesterfield, and northwest corner of Hinsdale. This mountain rises abruptly from the Connecticut, and has an altitude of about 1200 feet above sea-level. From its summit, in the days of the early settlements, the Indians are said to have watched the operations of the settlers in the vicinity of Fort Dummer. From this circumstance, the name of "Indian's Great Chair" has been applied to a particular portion of the summit of this mountain. The longer axis of Wantastiquet is nearly parallel with the river, and is from three to four miles long.

"Mount Pistareen" lies east of Spafford's Lake and near Factory Village. Its altitude cannot be stated exactly, but is not far from 1000 feet above the level of the sea. This mount, either in whole or in part, is said to have been bought for a *pistareen* (about 18 cents): hence its name. By whom it was bought, or by whom it was sold, for the sum above stated, has never been learned.

There are several hills in the town worthy of mention. "Streeter Hill" lies in the north-western quarter of the town, and is so called because it was at one time inhabited by several families of the name of Streeter. According to tradition, this hill was called "Poplar Hill" by the first settlers, because portions of it were covered with a vigorous growth of young poplars, which sprang up after the Indians had ceased to set their annual fires, as was their custom in

some parts of the valley of the Connecticut. The altitude of Streeter hill is somewhat greater than that of Pistareen.

“Barrett Hill” lies near the southern boundary of the town, in a direction a little east of south from the Centre Village. “Hall Hill” is in the eastern part of the town, near Factory Village, and is considerably higher than Streeter hill. “Atherton Hill,” also in the eastern part of the town, was so called from the circumstance that Joseph Atherton settled upon it in 1795. There are several hills in town higher than Streeter hill, but which have received no particular name.

There are no large streams of water flowing *through* Chesterfield; but the Connecticut river flows along its western border, as already stated. The word *Connecticut* is of Indian origin, and is derived from the words *quinneh*, *tuk* and *ut*: the first meaning *long*, and the second, *river with waves*. *Quinneh-tuk-ut* is said to have been applied by the Indians to land lying along the river. This river was usually called by the early settlers the “Great River.” Its height above sea level, at a point opposite Brattleboro’, is 214 feet.

The largest brook, flowing wholly within the limits of the town, is “Catsbane Brook.” This stream rises in the low lands south of the Centre Village, and in the vicinity of Barrett hill, and flows in a north-westerly direction for the distance of about five miles, emptying into the Connecticut near the West Village. The name of this brook can only be accounted for by the following tradition, which has been handed down from the first settlers: At a very early period in the town’s history (perhaps before the town was settled) two men, who were traveling through the forest, stopped on the banks of the brook to eat their lunch. Having finished their meal, one of the men said he wished to set out again on the journey. The other replied that he wished to take another draught of the water of the brook. “For your sake,” said his companion, prefacing his sentence with one of those exclamatory phrases much used even at the present day, “I wish this water had *catsbane* in it!” He probably meant *ratsbane*. The fact that the brook has received so singular a name, renders it quite probable that the tradition is substantially true. There are reasons for believing that the name was applied to the stream before the town was settled, as

there is evidence that scouts, soldiers, and perhaps hunters sometimes crossed this brook on their way to and fro, between No. 4 (Charlestown) and the settlements below No. 1 (Chesterfield).

The lowest point of the water-shed, near the head of Catsbane brook, is estimated to have an elevation of 650 feet above the sea, or 200 feet above the highest part of Hinsdale plain. The two most important tributaries of this brook are the "Lily Pond Brook" and the "Wheeler Brook,"—the former being the outlet of the "Lily Pond." The Wheeler brook is so called because Peter Wheeler, Sen., first settled near it, he having been one of the earliest settlers in the town. It was often improperly called Catsbane brook in early times, and is sometimes so called at present; but it is rather a tributary of the Catsbane than a continuation of the main stream.

"Governor's Brook" is a small stream in the northwest quarter of the town, and was so named because it flows for a considerable part of its course, through what was once called the "Governor's Farm." (See Chap. I.) It empties into the Connecticut.

"Leavitt's Brook," in the southwest quarter of the town, received its name from the circumstance that a man by the name of Leavitt was drowned in the Connecticut, many years ago, not far from the mouth of the brook. The general direction of the course of this brook is northwest, and it has a length of nearly three miles.

There is a brook which rises in the low lands lying just east of the Centre Village, and flows through a beautiful glen near the residence of Henry C. Marsh. This brook is a tributary of the Wheeler brook, and might appropriately be called "Marsh's Brook."

"Partridge Brook," in some respects the most important stream that has its origin in the town, is the outlet of Spafford's Lake. It takes the water of the lake from the "channel" near Factory Village, flows a short distance in a south-easterly direction, then turning sharply to the northward, plunges down through a deep gorge, and flows on, for a distance of about two miles, to the Westmoreland line. From the line it continues its course in a north-westerly direction through Westmoreland, for a distance of four miles, or more, and empties into the Connecticut near the County farm. How the name of this brook originated, is not known; but it is certain that the name was applied before Chesterfield was settled, inasmuch

as the brook was called "Partridge Brook," in the proprietary records of Westmoreland, as early as 1752.

The "Wild Brook"—probably so named because it flows for some distance through land formerly owned by Nathan Wild, the surveyor and almanac-maker,—is a tributary of Partridge brook. A part of its course is through a deep, narrow gorge cut in the solid rock. This gorge is one of the most remarkable of Nature's works that can be found in the town.

"Broad Brook," in the south-eastern quarter of the town, flows into Winchester, and finally empties into Ashuelot river, only a small part of its course being within the limits of Chesterfield.

"Spafford's Lake," which has become a popular place of resort in the summer season, lies nearly in the centre of the northern half of the town. This beautiful sheet of water is of an irregularly ovate form, and has an area of probably from 650 to 700 acres. The longer axis of the lake is about one mile and a half, and points nearly northeast; its greatest breadth is about one mile.* The shore of this lake is, in great part, either sandy or rocky, and its water is remarkably pure, being supplied mostly by springs; for there are only three or four brooks of any consequence that empty into the lake, and it is doubtful whether they do any more than supply the loss from evaporation in the summer months. "Pierce's Island," in the south-western part of the lake, contains about six acres, and is much used in summer by camping parties. Indian relics—principally stone pestles and arrow-heads—have been found on the island, and tradition says that it was once used by the savages as a stronghold, or a place of refuge.

There is no record known to be in existence which shows how the lake came by its name of "Spafford's Lake;" but the tradition has always been, that a man by the name of Spafford lived, at a very early period in the town's history, near its shore: hence its name. Whether or not there is any truth in this tradition, it is certain that the records of the town do not show that any person by the name of Spafford ever lived in Chesterfield in early times, although two of the *grantees* bore the names of John Spafford and

*According to Dr. Jackson, Spafford's Lake has an elevation of 738 feet above the sea, or about 500 feet above Connecticut river.

Silas Spafford. There are some reasons for believing that the lake received its name before the town was actually settled, and that the Spafford who is said to have lived near its shore, was a hunter whose residence was only temporary.

There are several small ponds lying wholly or partly within the limits of the town, but which are not of sufficient importance to be described here.

"Catsbane Island," which lies about half a mile below the mouth of Catsbane brook, in the Connecticut, is worthy of mention. This island—which is in view from the lower ferry—contains but a few acres, and is principally noted as being, in all probability, near the place where the Indians crossed the river on their way to Canada, after having defeated Sergeant Taylor's party in July, 1748. (See Chap. I). The Indians may, in fact, have passed over the island itself, in crossing the river.

GEOLGY.

The rocks of Chesterfield belong principally to that group of rocks denominated by Prof. C. H. Hitchcock, the "Coös Group," and consist of quartzite, gneiss, mica slate, mica schist, hornblende rock, and conglomerate. In the south-eastern quarter of the town there is found, in great abundance, a rock called "porphyritic gneiss." This rock is not found in the western part of the town. No valuable minerals have been found in any considerable quantities; yet, iron ore was discovered many years ago on Wantastiquet, and graphite, or plumbago, may exist in some localities. The so-called "mine" on Wantastiquet, is in Hinsdale. Quartz is found in considerable quantities; in one or two localities, in a pulverulent condition. Inferior specimens of tourmaline have also been found.

Numerous evidences of the action of moving ice, in the Glacial Period, exist in the town. In some localities the ledges are grooved and striated in a way peculiar to those regions that have been sub-

jected to glacial action. Enormous boulders, evidently brought from a great distance in some instances, have been deposited upon the highest hills. It is highly probable that Spafford's Lake is also the result of glacial action.

Near the mouth of Catsbane brook are examples of river terraces. The upper one of the two which lie south of the brook, has an elevation of 400 feet above the sea. The height of the river terraces in Chesterfield and Westmoreland, varies from 350 to 400 feet above the sea. No fossils are known to have been discovered, the rocks, for the most part, not being of a kind known as "fossiliferous."

PLANTS AND ANIMALS.

The *Flora* of Chesterfield is about the same as that of the neighboring towns. When it was first settled, there was a heavy growth of white pine, oak, hickory, chestnut, maple, beech, birch, poplar, and other trees. These still exist in large numbers, although the pines, and many of the other trees, are mostly those that have sprung up since their predecessors were cut down for timber or charcoal. The "shag-bark" hickory, or "sweet walnut," the chestnut and butternut, thrive in certain localities, producing an abundance of nuts. Hemlock-spruces also abound in some parts of the town, as do many other trees of less importance than those already mentioned. Of smaller plants there is a great variety, as is usually the case where there is a considerable diversity of conditions.

The *Fauna* of the town does not differ essentially from that of the surrounding towns. All the larger wild mammals have disappeared; but, for a number of years after the first settlement was made, bears, panthers, lynxes, wolves, and deer existed in considerable numbers. Wolves were especially abundant, and somewhat troublesome. Persons venturing out of their houses after dark are said to have carried, sometimes, torches, or pieces of burning wood,

as one of the best means of defence. Otters and beavers undoubtedly lived about the streams, when the first settlements were made; but they long ago disappeared, excepting, perhaps, a few otters that have been killed within the memory of the oldest inhabitants.

Of the smaller mammals, raccoons, hares, rabbits, foxes, squirrels, weasels, ermines, skunks, minks, muskrats, woodchucks, and porcupines are found in greater or lesser numbers.

The birds need not be particularly described. There is only one species that is much hunted for its flesh, namely, the ruffed-grouse, or "partridge."

There is but one species of venomous reptiles in the town, and that is the mountain rattlesnake. This snake is found, in considerable numbers, in the south-western quarter of the town, on and about Wantastiquet or West River Mountain. No deaths, however, are known to have been caused by the bite of the rattlesnake, since the settlement of the town.

The most important species of fish that live in the ponds and streams of the town are pike, pickerel, black bass, trout, dace, eels, horned-pouts, suckers, flat-fish, and perch. Pike, pickerel, black bass, dace and flat-fish are not indigenous to Spafford's Lake; but the other species that are found in it may be—including the so-called "clear fish," or "white fish." Josiah Bennett, of Westmoreland, introduced pike into the lake about 1848, putting in seven or eight which he had caught at Bellows Falls. The next year, nine more, caught at the same place, were put in by persons residing at Factory Village. It is not known who first put pickerel into the lake, but this species has been in its waters for many years, and may have been brought from Harvard, Mass. Dace and flat-fish have also been in the lake for many years; the former longer than the pike, and the latter forty-five or fifty years. Bass have been introduced within a few years.

At the time of the first settlements, shad and salmon used to come up the Connecticut in great numbers, and supplied the settlers with an abundance of excellent food. Many years have passed away, however, since they have shown themselves as far up the river as Chesterfield; and the modern fisherman can only look back to the days of his ancestors, and regret that he did not live when they did.

PART FIRST.

CHAPTER I.

FROM THE INCORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP NO. 1, BY MASSACHUSETTS, IN 1736, TO THE ACTUAL SETTLEMENT OF THE TOWN IN 1761.

The Indians of the Connecticut Valley—First Settlement in Northfield, Mass.—War with the Indians—Second Settlement in Northfield—King William's War—Queen Anne's War—Third and Permanent Settlement of Northfield—Father Ralle's War—Fort Dummer—Scouting Parties—"Arlington" Granted—Granting of Townships No's 1, 2, 3 and 4—Shattuck's and Hinsdale's Forts—Final Determination of the Line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire—Settlement of Charlestown, Putney and Westmoreland—War between France and England—Murder and Pillage by the Indians—No. 4 Abandoned—The Fort at No. 4 Besieged—Winchester and the Ashuelots (Keene and Swanzey) Burned—Massacre of Capt. Melvin's Scouts—Capt. Hobbs' Fight with the Indians—Sergeant Taylor's Party Attacked—Peace—No. 1 Re-granted under the Name of Chesterfield—The Charter—Names of the Grantees—Survey of Chesterfield, Westmoreland and Walpole—The Chart of the Town—Why the Town was not Immediately Settled—Last French and Indian War—Sufferings of the Valley Settlements—Massacre of the St. Francis Indians by Captain Rogers' Rangers—End of the War.

In order to realize how painfully slow was the advance of civilization up the valley of the Connecticut river, it will be necessary to take a brief survey of the principal facts in the history of the valley towns, anterior to the date of the settlement of Chesterfield.

In 1636, about sixteen years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, a settlement was begun at Springfield, Mass. In 1654, a town was commenced at Northampton, and by the year 1670, Deerfield was established. At that time the Indians who inhabited the valley of the Connecticut, within the territory that belonged to Massachusetts, or was claimed by the latter, lived in separate villages, at points most favorable for obtaining subsistence. They had previously sold to the whites the best part of their lands, only reserving certain portions for planting purposes, and the right of hunting, fishing and fowling, and setting their wigwams on the lands that were common to all. There were several tribes of River Indians: the *Agawams*, who occupied the region above and below Springfield; the *Nonotucks*, who had villages and forts on both sides of the river; the *Pacomptocks*, who lived in the valley of the Deerfield river; and the *Squakheags*, who claimed the country to the north, both below and above the line which now separates Massachusetts from New Hampshire and Vermont. Chesterfield would thus lie in the territory claimed by the Squakheags.

The Indians of the Connecticut valley lived principally on ground-nuts, chestnuts, corn, pumpkins, fish, and the flesh of animals. They cooked their fish just as they were taken from the water, and small animals were roasted whole, the entrails being considered an indispensable part of the roast. Chestnut trees were objects of especial regard and protection, on account of the nutritious food that they yielded. Pumpkins were cut into strips and dried in the sun. According to Roger Williams, tobacco was raised and used to a considerable extent. It is also said that the Indians knew how to make maple sugar.

Fires were frequently set in order to keep the country free from underbrush, and thereby facilitate the movements of the Indians. These fires were usually set in the autumn, after the leaves had fallen. In this way, not only the smaller trees and bushes were destroyed, but even the larger trees at length were killed; so that there was comparatively little timber in the region thus burned over, when first occupied by the white men, except on wet or marshy ground.

At first the white settlers and Indians in the Connecticut valley, lived together in peace; but this state of affairs was not destined to

be of long duration, and this fair valley was for many years the scene of bloody encounters.

In the spring of 1673, a settlement was made at Northfield. Deerfield, still in a feeble condition, was the nearest settlement, and was at a distance of sixteen miles. In 1675, a war broke out. Brookfield was destroyed August 2d, and, September 2d, Northfield was attacked by the Indians. On the 6th of September the survivors were rescued by Major Treat, who came up from Hartford with upward of one hundred men. The settlement was then abandoned. Soon after, it was burned by the Indians, who quietly took possession again of their old hunting-grounds. A few days after this event, Deerfield was also abandoned. October 5th, Springfield was burned, and, on the 19th of the same month, Hatfield was attacked, and several persons killed and captured.

In a little less than three months, 148 persons had been slain by the savages, 104 of this number having been soldiers.

The Squakheags went into winter quarters at a place called "Coasset," a little above the railway station at South Vernon, Vt. The savages having been so successful in their attempts to break up the settlements, seem to have felt secure against a surprise by the white men. A large party was gathered at the falls below the mouth of Miller's river, for the purpose of fishing. Capts. Turner and Holyoke, with about 160 men, fell upon the camp of this party about daybreak on the morning of May 19, 1676, and slaughtered a great number of the Indians. Just as the whites were retiring to their horses, which had been left behind, a report came that the famous chief, Philip, was coming with a large force. Thereupon the whites fell into a panic, and were attacked, in turn, by the Indians, who slew Capt. Turner and 37 of his men. On the death of Philip, in the following August, there seems to have been a general dispersal of the savages in this part of the Connecticut valley.

In 1685, Northfield was re-settled by a few families, and a fort and grist-mill were erected. In July, 1688, a party of strange Indians from the north passed down through the town. A few days after, five peaceable Indians living near Springfield, were found murdered. The day after the murder, a party of strange Indians were again seen in Northfield. On the 16th of August, six persons were murdered by Indians in the same town.

War between France and England having again broken out, the County Court issued an order June 25, 1690, for the abandonment of Northfield. This war is known as "King William's War," and lasted till 1697. The Colonies of the two nations became involved, as usual, and suffered severely. The peace that followed this war was of short duration; for, in 1702, England again declared war against France. The war that followed is known as "Queen Anne's War," and did not end till April 11, 1713. On the morning of the 11th of March, 1704, a large force of French and Indians fell upon Deerfield, burned it to the ground, killed 47 of the inhabitants, and then retreated, taking with them about 100 prisoners. Thus were the early settlers in America made to suffer on account of the petty intrigues and quarrels of the rulers of Europe!

Queen Anne's War having ended in 1713, a permanent settlement was effected at Northfield the next year. The territory of the town, at that period, included a portion of what is now Vernon, in Vermont; a large part of what is now Hinsdale, and a part of Winchester. In 1720, the north bound of the town was established as follows: Beginning at a point three-fourths of a mile west of the Connecticut, it ran easterly 1440 rods, passing through a point lying about one-fourth of a mile below Ash-swamp brook (now in Hinsdale).

In 1722, a war with the Indians broke out, known as "Father Ralle's War." August 13, 1723, two men were waylaid and killed by the Indians at Northfield. October 9th, the settlement was again visited by savages, who killed one person, wounded two, and captured one.

In 1724, Fort Dummer was built. It stood a short distance north of the line that separates Vernon from Brattleboro', on the western bank of the Connecticut, and was made of logs (yellow pine, according to one account) locked together at the angles of the structure. It was nearly square, each side having a length of about 180 feet. A row of houses was built against the wall, inside, facing on the parade ground. The fort was built by the Massachusetts government, and was named in honor of Governor Dummer. In 1728, a trading post was established in it; and from 1734 to '44, six Indian Commissioners were stationed there.

From a journal kept by Capt. Kellogg, who commanded at Northfield, we learn that, Nov. 30, 1724, scouts went north-westerly a certain distance from Northfield, and then north-easterly to the "Great Falls" (now Bellows Falls); and that men were sent to the top of West River Mountain to watch for smoke arising from the camp-fires of the Indians. One scout is described as having gone "west from Northfield about twelve miles, then northward, crossing West river, and, steering east, came to the canoe-place, about 16 or 17 miles above Northfield." There is but little doubt that the "canoe-place" mentioned in Capt. Kellogg's diary, was the place called "Canoe Meadow," in the southwest part of Westmoreland. In 1725, there was some fighting with the savages, at various points; but on the 15th of December, a peace was concluded with the Eastern Indians, at Boston.

In 1733, the General Court of Massachusetts granted a township to Josiah Willard and others, lying to the northward and eastward of Northfield. It extended from the south end of "Merry's Meadow" up the Connecticut four and one-half miles and twenty rods; thence easterly eight and one-half miles and twenty rods. The eastern bound ran southerly six and one-fourth miles and fifty-two rods. This township was called "Arlington," and embraced a portion of the territory now belonging to Hinsdale and Winchester. Pending the King's decision respecting the dividing line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire, the General Court of the former Province granted upwards of thirty townships between the Merrimac and the Connecticut. The township that lay just north of Arlington, and east of the Connecticut, was called "No. 1," and was nearly identical with the present township of Chesterfield. The one north of No. 1 was called "No. 2," and is now Westmoreland. Walpole was "No. 3," and Charlestown "No. 4." These four townships were accepted by the General Court of Massachusetts, Nov. 30, 1736. Samuel Chamberlain, of Westford, Mass., was empowered, Dec. 13, 1737, to call the first meeting of the proprietors of No. 1, for organization.

The same year that these towns were accepted, a settlement was permanently established at a place called "Upper Ashuelot," now Keene. It is not known that any settlement was attempted in No. 1, under the Massachusetts charter. Shattuck's fort, so-called,

was probably built about 1736 or '37. It stood on the farm now owned and occupied by John Stearns of Hinsdale. Ebenezer Hinsdale also built a block-house not far from Ash-swamp brook (now in Hinsdale) "on the bluff back of the meadow, about 60 rods east of the river." It was probably erected in 1742. In 1740, the dividing line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was finally determined by the royal government. By the change thus produced in the position of the line, a tract of land about four and one-half miles in width was cut from the northern part of Northfield. Townships No's 1, 2, 3 and 4, together with many others lying between the Merrimac and the Connecticut, were thus brought within the limits of New Hampshire. In 1740 and '41, extensive repairs were made to Fort Dummer. Two bastions were built at opposite angles, and a line of pickets twenty feet high, was set around the fort. Some swivel guns and a cannon are said to have been added to its armament.

It is said that Richard Ellis and his son Reuben, with others, settled in Westminster as early as 1739. As early as 1740, a settlement had been begun at Charlestown (No. 4) by three brothers of the name of Farnsworth, who went from Lunenburg, Mass. They were soon joined by others, and a fort, saw-mill and corn-mill were put up. In 1742 or '43, Nehemiah Howe, of Grafton, Mass., with others, located at "Great Meadows" (Putney). It is said that there is some evidence that, at the same date, Daniel Howe and others, from Rutland, Mass., made a settlement on the opposite side of the river, in No. 2, (Westmoreland). There are, perhaps, some reasons for believing that the first settlement at the "Great Meadows" was actually made on the east side of the river. But, be that as it may, it is certain that a settlement was made in the western part of Westmoreland a number of years before an attempt was made to settle Chesterfield.

War between France and England again broke out in 1744, and again were the frontier towns destined to be the scene of murder and pillage, on account of the disputes of these two nations. July 5, 1745, the enemy appeared at Great Meadows and killed William Phipps. On the 10th of the same month, Dea. Josiah Fisher was killed at Upper Ashuelot, (Keene). October 11, a party of French

and Indians attacked the fort at Great Meadows, and captured Nehemiah Howe and killed David Rugg, who was coming down the river in a canoe. Howe died in prison at Quebec. April 19, 1746, the French and Indians took three men prisoners at No. 4. On the 23d of the same month, the Indians assaulted Upper Ashuelot and killed John Bullard and Mrs. Daniel McKenney, and captured Nathan Blake. They also burned several buildings and killed a large number of cattle. May 2, Seth Putnam was shot at No. 4. On the 4th of the same month, Upper Ashuelot was again attacked. On the 6th, Dea. Timothy Brown and Robert Moflatt were captured at Lower Ashuelot, (Swanzy). About the same time the Indians showed themselves at other points, killing and destroying. Although the towns that were suffering so much from the enemy, now came within the jurisdiction of New Hampshire, this Province did very little to protect them, and the settlers were obliged to look to Massachusetts for aid. Accordingly, Capt. Paine, with a company of men from Dudley, Mass., reinforced the settlement at No. 4, May 23, 1746. A skirmish soon took place between the whites and the savages, in which the latter were beaten off; but the former lost several men. Capt. Brown and his troops, from Framingham and Sudbury, Mass., soon after took the place of Capt. Paine and his men. June 24, a party of white men at work near Bridgman's Fort, in Vernon, were surprised, and several of them were killed, wounded, or captured. The same day, a scouting party was surprised near Fort Dummer; but the men got away with the loss of a part of their arms. Col. Willard, with a team and guard of twenty men, who had come over from Fort Dummer to Hinsdale's mill, was ambushed near the latter; but the Indians were repulsed. August 3, the fort at No. 4 was again attacked by the French and Indians, who besieged it for two days, and did much damage. The 6th of the same month, the Indians killed Joseph Rawson and wounded Amasa Wright, at Winchester. On the 11th, they killed Benjamin Wright, at Northfield, as he was getting the cows, on horseback, in the evening. On the 20th, Fort Massachusetts, at East Hoosuck (Adams) was taken by an army of French and Indians under the command of Gen. Rigaud de Vaudreuil. In January, 1747, No. 4 was abandoned; but, as soon as the snow was gone in the spring, it was re-occupied by Capt. Stevens and thirty

rangers. The dog and cat, that had been left behind when the post was abandoned, were found to be in tolerably good condition. April 4, a large force of French and Indians under Debeline, fell upon the fort. Fire-arrows were shot at it, and a *mantelet* loaded with burning wood was pushed against it. But trenches had been dug by the defenders from within outward, under the wall or parapet of the fort, from which water was thrown upon the flames, and the fort thus saved. After a futile seige of three days, the enemy withdrew. Only two of the garrison were wounded, and none killed. A part of Debeline's force then moved down to Northfield, and, April 15, killed Nathaniel Dickinson and Asahel Burt, as they were driving the cows home from Pauchaug Meadow. Winchester and the two Ashuelots, all of which had been deserted in the previous winter, were burned soon after.

During the summer, the Indians killed several persons at various points, and the whites made several scouting expeditions. October 19, John Smead was killed between Northfield and Sunderland, Mass.; and on the 22d of the same month, Jonathan Sartwell was captured not far from Hinsdale's fort, and Bridgman's fort was burned. March 15, 1748, a party of men cutting wood about sixty rods from the fort at No. 4, were attacked, and Charles Stevens was killed, Nathaniel Andros wounded, and Eleazer Priest captured. The 29th of the same month, a small party of men were attacked a little more than a mile below Fort Dummer, and three were killed and one taken. May 31, Capt. Melvin and a small party of scouts were surprised on the banks of West river, about 33 miles from Fort Dummer. Six men were killed outright, and one mortally wounded. The scene of this massacre is located, by Hall, in Londonderry, Vt. June 16, fourteen men were waylaid in Hinsdale, opposite the mouth of Broad brook. Three were killed and seven captured, one of whom was put to death by the Indians when they had camped for the night. On the 26th of the same month, Capt. Hobbs and a scouting party of 40 men from No. 4, had a desperate four hours' fight with a party of Indians, about 12 miles west of Fort Dummer. The Indians were led by a half-blood named Sackett, who was at length wounded, upon which the savages retired. Three white men were killed and four wounded. July 14, Serg't

Thomas Taylor started from Northfield for Keene, by way of Hinsdale's fort and Fort Dummer, with 16 men. When near Connecticut river, they were attacked by a large force of French and Indians, who, after a sharp fight, killed two of Taylor's men, and captured eleven. Two of the captured whites had been wounded, and were, soon after their capture, killed by the Indians with clubs. It is said that the captors, with their prisoners, went up on the east side of the Connecticut to a place two or three miles above the mouth of West river, called "Catsbane," where they crossed the river, and then made their way back to Canada. This fight took place at a distance of less than one mile below Fort Dummer, half of whose garrison of 16 men, were sick. It seems quite probable that the place called "Catsbane," mentioned above, was Catsbane Island, which belongs to Chesterfield, and lies in the Connecticut a little way above the lower ferry. On the 23d of the same month, a small party of Indians waylaid Aaron Belding at Northfield, a little before sunrise, and shot and scalped him.

A treaty of peace between the hostile powers was signed at Aix-la-Chapelle, October 7, 1748, but, in this country, hostilities did not wholly cease for some time; for, June 20, 1749, the Indians assaulted No. 4, and carried off Enos Stevens, son of Capt. Stevens. In 1750, '51 and '52, there was peace in the Connecticut valley. Movements were now made to get the townships that had been chartered by Massachusetts, but which had been severed from that Province by the final determination of the southern boundary of New Hampshire, re-chartered by the government of the latter Province. From the "Council Records" is extracted the following:

"At a Council holden at Portsmouth, according to his Excelency's Summons, Feb'y the 10th, 1752—

Present, His Excelency BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq., Governour.

HENRY SHERBURNE, }
ELLIS HUSKE, } Esqs.
THEODORE ATKINSON, }

RICHARD WIBIRD, }
SAM'L SMITH, } Esqs.

The Secretary by his Excelency's order laid before the Board three petitions from sundry persons praying for three separate Townships of his Maj'tys lands lying on the east side of Connecticut river, beginning at the north side of a tract of land called Winchester and extending up the river to the northward so as to joyn to No. (4), so called, and east to the land called the Ashuelotts, as far as they (the Ashuelotts) go to the northward (viz.), That the

first or most southerly township called No. (1) in the Plan exhibited may be allotted to the petition signed Elias Alexander, John Brooks and others: That the township adjoining northerly on No. (1), and marked No. (2) in the said plan, be granted on the petition of Elias Hubbard, Thos. Chamberlain and others, and that the township marked No. (3) on the said plan and adjoining No. (4) may be granted to the petition signed Benja. Bellows, Ebenezer Harris & others—all which petitions & Plans being perused by the Council, the Secretary by his Excellency's order put it to the Council whether they would consent to the granting the said respective tracts of land to the Petitioners, with such others as should be tho't proper to be entered as Associates—to which the Council did advise and consent."

In accordance with the above decision of the Council, a charter was granted incorporating "No. 1" under the name of "Ches-terfield."

THE CHARTER.

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

GEORGE THE SECOND



*By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland,
King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

KNOW YE, That we of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our trusty and well-beloved Benning Wentworth, Esq., our Governour and Commander-in-Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire, in America, and of our Council of the said Province; have upon the conditions and reservations hereinafter made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give and grant in equal shares, unto our loving subjects, inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire, and his majesty's other governments, and to their heirs and assigns forever, whose names are entered on this grant, to be divided to and amongst them into *Seventy* equal shares, all that tract or parcel of land

situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by admeasurement *twenty-three thousand and forty acres*, which tract is to contain six miles square, and no more: out of which an allowance is to be made for highways and unimprovable lands by rocks, ponds, mountains and rivers, one thousand and forty acres free, according to a plan and survey thereof, made by our Governour's order, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows; viz: beginning and adjoining to a stake and stones near the bank of Connecticut river, which is the northwesterly corner bound of a place called Winchester, thence running south seventy-eight degrees east upon Winchester line aforesaid, till it meets with the western line of the lower Ashuelots, so called, then carrying all the breadth of land between the river of Connecticut aforesaid and the said Ashuelots, so far up northerly as will make the contents of six miles square, bounding on this extent by a stake and stones near the bank of the river, and thence running south, seventy-eight degrees east, till it meets with the Ashuelots aforesaid; And that the same be, and hereby is, incorporated into a township by the name of CHESTERFIELD, and that the inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit said township, are hereby declared to be enfranchised with and entitled to all and every the privileges and immunities that other towns within our Province by law exercise and enjoy; And further, that the said town as soon as there shall be fifty families resident and settled thereon, shall have the liberty of holding two Fairs, one of which shall be held on the —, and the other on the —, annually, which Fairs are not to continue and be held longer than the respective days following the said respective days; and as soon as the said town shall consist of fifty families, a market shall be opened and kept one or more days in each week, as may be thought most advantageous to the inhabitants: Also, that the first meeting for the choice of town officers, agreeable to the laws of our said Province, shall be held on the first Wednesday of March next, which meeting shall be notified by Josiah Willard, Esq., who is hereby also appointed Moderator of the said first meeting, which he is to notify and govern agreeable to the laws and customs of our said Province; and that the annual meeting forever hereafter for the choice of such officers of said town, shall be on the first Wednesday of March, annually,—to have and to hold the said tract of land as above expressed, together with all privileges and appurtenances, to them and their respective heirs and assigns forever, upon the following conditions, viz.:

I. That every grantee, his heirs or assigns shall plant and cultivate five acres of land within the term of five years, for every fifty acres contained in his or their share or proportion of land in said township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional cultivations, on penalty of forfeiture of his grant or share in the said township, and its reverting to his majesty, his heirs and successors, to be by him or them re-granted to such of his subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other pine trees within the said township, fit for Masting our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be

cut or felled without his majesty's special license for so doing first had and obtained, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such grantee, his heirs and assigns, to us, our heirs and successors, as well as being subject to the penalty of any act or acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be, enacted.

III. That before any division of the land be made to and among the grantees, a tract of land as near the centre of the said township as the land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for town lots, one of which shall be allotted to each grantee of the contents of one acre: yielding and paying therefor to us, our heirs and successors for the space of ten years, to be computed from the date hereof, the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only, on the first day of January annually, if lawfully demanded, the first payment to be made on the first day of January after the date hereof.

IV. Every proprietor, settler or inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto us, our heirs and successors yearly, and every year forever, from and after the expiration of ten years from the date hereof, namely, on the first day of January, which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one-thousand seven-hundred and sixty-two, one shilling proclamation money for every hundred acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said land; which money shall be paid by the respective persons above-said, their heirs or assigns, in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth, or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS—Benning Wentworth, Esq., our Governour and Commander-in-Chief of our said Province, the eleventh of February, in the year of our Lord Christ 1752, and in the 25th year of our Reign.

B. WENTWORTH.

By his Excellency's Command,
with advice of Council.

THEODORE ATKINSON, Sec'y.

THE NAMES OF THE GRANTEES OF CHESTERFIELD.

Josiah Willard, Nathan Willard, Valentine Butler, John Arms, John Arms, Jun'r, Oliver Butler, Oliver Willard, Oliver Willard, Jun'r, Josiah Willard, Jun'r, Nathan Willard, Jun'r, Wilder Willard, John Moore, William Willard, Caleb Trobridge, William Lawrence, John Hunt, Simon Hunt, Jonathan Hubbard, Samuel Kennada, Solomon Willard, Billy Willard, Simon Cooley, Joseph Willard, William Deen, Simon Stone, Peter Oliver, David Hubbard, Thomas Pain, John Wheelwright, Nathaniel Wheelwright, Joseph Wheelwright, Jeremiah Wheelwright, Simon Willard, Benj'a Lynd, John Spafford, Silas Spafford, Sam'l Davis, Phineas Wait, Joanna Wetherby, Elias Alexander, John Brooks, James Whitney, Abraham Kendel, Benj'a French,

Josiah Brown, Ebenezer Day, John French, Jun'r, Sam'l Greeley, Will'm Spalding, Moses Gould, Will'm Down, Robert Fletcher, David Field, Sam'l Field, David Sterns, John Kendel, Daniel Kendell, James Stootley, His Excellency, Benning Wentworth, Esq., one tract of land to contain five-hundred acres, one whole share for the Incorporated Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, one whole share for the first settled minister of the Gospel in said Town, one whole share for a Glebe for the ministry of the Church of England, as by law established. Samuel Wentworth of Boston, Theodore Atkinson, Richard Wibird, Samuel Smith, John Downing, Sampson Sheaffe, Jno. Wentworth.

Attest,

THEODORE ATKINSON, Sec'y."

No. 2 was re-chartered, under the name of "Westmoreland," on the same day that Chesterfield was re-chartered (Feb. 11, 1752). Upper Ashuelot was re-chartered under the name of "Keene," April 11, 1753; Lower Ashuelot, under the name of "Swanzey," July 2, 1753; Arlington, under the name of "Winchester," July 2, 1753. This last town seems to have been called "Winchester" for some time before it was re-chartered, and while it included Hinsdale, which was incorporated into a separate township Sept. 3, 1753. At first Hinsdale embraced territory lying on both sides of the Connecticut, the part west of the river now belonging to Vernon, Vt. Brattleborough and Dummerston, in Vermont, were incorporated Dec. 26, 1753—the latter under the name of "Fulham."

The knowledge that can now be obtained concerning most of the grantees of Chesterfield, is exceedingly limited. Some of them were also grantees of other townships, and took a more or less important part in public affairs.

Josiah Willard, the leading grantee, was the son of Josiah Willard. The latter was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1693, and was a prominent commander of the forces engaged in protecting the frontier settlements. At the time of his death, which took place Dec. 8, 1750, he was in command of Fort Dummer. His son, Major Josiah Willard, was his successor. Major Willard afterwards attained the rank of Colonel. For many years he was a resident of Winchester.

Nathan Willard and William Willard were sergeants, and

Oliver Willard was clerk, in the company stationed at Fort Dummer from Feb. 12 to July 1, 1748, under command of Josiah Willard, Sen. Wilder Willard, Simon Willard and Joseph Willard were also in the same company.

Joseph Willard was the son of Rev. Joseph Willard, who was murdered by the savages at Rutland, Mass., Aug. 14, 1723. He was born about three months after his father's death, and died in Charlestown, (N. H.,) in 1799.

Elias Alexander was probably of Northfield, Mass., where he had charge of the garrisons, at one time, in 1744. In 1747, he was at Upper Ashuelot with Capt. Josiah Willard, and ranked as lieutenant. In 1755, he went to Nova Scotia with Gen. Winslow's division.

Valentine Butler was in the same company with the Willards, at Fort Dummer, in 1748.

Ebenezer Day was probably of Upper Ashuelot (Keene).

John Spafford was one of the earliest settlers of No. 4. April 19, 1746, he was captured by the French and Indians and carried to Canada; but he returned from captivity, and died in Charlestown. It has not been determined with certainty, however, that the John Spafford of Charlestown was identical with the John Spafford who was one of the grantees of Chesterfield.

Joanna Wetherbee was of Charlestown in 1762.

John Wheelwright and Nathaniel Wheelwright were of Boston, Mass. The latter was a merchant. Joseph Wheelwright may have been the son of John.

Theodore Atkinson was secretary of the Province. Richard Wibird, Samuel Smith, Sampson Sheaffe and John Downing were members of the Council at the time the township was re-granted.

Why the name of "Chesterfield" was bestowed upon township No. 1, when it was re-chartered, is not known with certainty. The petition of Elias Alexander, John Brooks and others, which has already been mentioned, throws no light upon the subject. It is probable, however, that the name was given to the town, by Gov. Wentworth and his Council, either in honor of the Earl of Chesterfield, or the town of the same name in England. Certain circumstances lead to the belief that the name was bestowed in honor of the former. In the first place, the Earl of Chesterfield was a man

of much note at the time the town was re-chartered, having not only held important government offices, but having just brought about an important reform of the Calendar, that took effect the same year (1752). He was also distinguished as an orator and writer. In the second place, it is well known that Governor Benning Wentworth was fond of naming towns in New Hampshire in honor of distinguished men and places in England.

The Charter provided that a "plan" of the town should be made. In accordance with this provision (which was the same in many, or all, of the charters), a survey was made, by Josiah Willard and Benjamin Bellows, of Chesterfield, Westmoreland and Walpole, and a "plan" of the same drawn. This plan was finished March 18, 1752, and is now in the office of the Secretary of State, at Concord. It shows that the general outlines of Chesterfield were about the same when the first survey under the new Charter was made, as they are now. The line between Keene and Chesterfield, running from the north-east corner of the latter town to the south-west corner of the former, was stated to be about 225 rods in length. The same line as measured by Jonas Robbins in 1793, was found to be "one mile and sixteen rods" long, or 111 rods longer than in 1752. From this circumstance it might be inferred that this line had been lengthened before 1793, and that the line between Swanzey and Chesterfield, which was described in the original plan as being 5 miles and 180 rods long, correspondingly shortened. No record of any such alterations in these lines has, however, been found.

Owing to the loss of the proprietary records, nothing is known concerning the meetings of the proprietors of the town, or the business transacted at such meetings, save what is to be inferred from the proprietors' "chart," or plan, of the town, which fortunately has been preserved, and is in tolerably good condition. It is not known when, or by whom, this chart was made; but it is evident that it was made as early as 1760 or '61, inasmuch as the earliest deeds sometimes refer to it.

As the sum of our knowledge of the actions taken by the proprietors, is contained in the chart, it will be well to describe it somewhat minutely. This chart, or plan, is neatly drawn on sheepskin parchment, the scale being one-hundred rods to the inch. In

the north-west corner, is the plan of Benning and John Wentworth's shares, 800 acres in all. This tract, which was bounded on the west by Connecticut river and on the north by Westmoreland line, had an average length of about 687 rods, and a width of 200 rods.

On the rest of the chart, are marked the "ranges" and "lots" into which the town was divided, together with Spafford's Lake. The ranges are sixteen in number, and are all parallel with the Swanzev line. They are numbered from east to west, the one bordering upon Swanzev being range No. 1. Each range is divided into lots containing one hundred acres each (more or less), and having a length of 160 rods, (measured from east to west), and breadth of 100 rods. They are numbered from south to north. Some of those in the range bordering on the river, vary a good deal in respect to length, owing to curves in the course of the same, and the lots numbered 7, in all the ranges, are one-half wider than the other lots. The first two ranges contain each fourteen lots; those numbered from 3 to 12, inclusive, seventeen lots each; the remaining four, fifteen lots each.

The Charter provided that "town-lots" of the contents of one square acre, should be laid out as near the centre of the town as the land would permit. It is not known whether such lots were ever laid out or not; but it is certain that some of the hundred-acre lots were divided into half-lots, or "fifty-acre lots," which are designated in old deeds as "house-lots." Lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th ranges, were divided into house-lots, according to the chart, as was also lot No. 6, in the 7th range. Lot No. 7 in the same range was divided into two lots; but in the other ranges containing house-lots, as above stated, the lots numbered 7 were divided into *three* house-lots, since they contained 150 acres each, more or less. These house-lots are numbered from south to north, and lie, approximately, in the central part of the town. House-lot No. 13, in the 9th range, lies almost wholly in the south end of the Lake. Every lot and house-lot, with few exceptions, has written upon it the name of its proprietor.

The "Glebe" is not indicated on the chart; but it lies in the south-east quarter of the town. Some of it is now in the possession of Marshall Shaw. Enoch Jackson also took a lease of a part

of it, between fifty-five and sixty years ago. In 1837, he transferred his right to his son Jay.

March 11, 1801, the town voted "to defend James Latham and others, now in possession of the glebe-land in this town, against the claims of Esquire Cosset and others." Moses Smith was chosen an agent for that purpose.

It is not known how Gov. Wentworth's share was disposed of; but it is certain that a part of it, at least, came into the possession of Samuel Davis. John Wentworth's share of 300 acres, which was included, on the chart, in the same tract with the "Governor's Farm," so called, seems to have been located at the eastern end of this tract, and was purchased by William Randall in 1780. Nothing is known about the location of the share reserved for the "Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts." A whole share consisted, nominally, of three hundred acres, or three lots; but, at the time the chart was made, most of the proprietors owned three lots and a house-lot each. A few owned four lots and a house-lot, and may have acquired the excess over one share by purchase.

The "minister's share" consisted of the 5th lot in the 1st, 5th and 8th ranges, and the 10th house-lot in the 9th range.

Although circumstances were apparently favorable for immediately settling the new township, at the time the new charter was granted, no settlement was effected till nine years afterwards. The last "French and Indian War" which soon broke out, rendered the establishment of new settlements in the Connecticut valley, north of the Massachusetts line, extremely difficult and hazardous.

Hostilities between France and England were renewed in 1754, although a formal declaration of war was not made by either nation till May, 1756.

June 27, 1755, Bridgeman's fort, in what is now Vernon, Vt., was beset by the Indians, who shot Caleb How and captured his two sons. Two other men who were with them, named Grout and Garfield, attempted to swim across the river. Grout succeeded in getting across, but Garfield was drowned. At night, the Indians went to the fort and were admitted by the inmates, who mistook the savages for their own people. In this way, fourteen persons

were made prisoners, one of them being the wife of Caleb How. The savages, having set fire to the fort, started for Canada. Mrs. How eventually returned from captivity.

Sometime in the same month, Benj. Twitchell was captured at Keene. July 22, the Indians attacked a party of men near Hinsdale's fort, and killed and captured several of them. The same, or next day, Daniel Twitchell and John Flint were killed at Walpole. One of the murdered men was cut open, his heart taken out, cut into pieces and laid upon his breast. August 17, a large body of Indians besieged the house of John Kilburn, at Walpole. Kilburn and his wife Ruth, his son John and daughter Hetty, a man named Peak, and his son, were the only persons in the house; nevertheless, they withstood the attacks of the savages from about noon till sunset, when the latter withdrew, taking with them their dead and wounded. Peak received a wound in the thigh, that caused his death in few days.

June 7, 1756, Josiah Foster, his wife and two children, were captured at Winchester.

April 19, 1757, a large force of French and Indians fell upon Charlestown. David Farnsworth, Bradstreet Spafford and Samson Colefax were working at the mill; Dea. Thomas Adams, William Porter and Jacob Sartle were in the sugar-camp; Asa Spafford, George Robbins, John Grandy and Asahel Stebbins were hunting. Colefax and Farnsworth were taken, and the mill burned. The party in the sugar-camp was next attacked, and Dea. Adams was made prisoner. Afterwards, two of the hunters were captured—Robbins and Spafford. Farnsworth and Robbins regained their liberty after a while, but the rest of the captives died in Canada.

March 6, 1758, Capt. Fairbanks Moor and his son were killed near West River, in Brattleboro. The son's wife and four children were captured. August 28, Asahel Stebbins was killed at Charlestown, and his wife, Isaac Parker and a soldier, captured.

In October, 1759, Capt. Rogers and his rangers surprised the village of the St. Francis Indians, at the confluence of the St. Francis and St. Lawrence rivers. About 200 Indian warriors are said to have been killed, and more than 600 scalps of white men, were found in the village. When Capt. Rogers and his men set out on their return, they were followed by a large force of French and Indians.

Rogers decided to return by way of the Connecticut; but, before he and his men could reach this stream, they suffered terrible hardships. Capt. Rogers, Capt. Ogden and an Indian boy at length embarked on a raft and floated down to Charlestown. Other parties of stragglers came in later, having suffered extremely from cold and hunger. Cartouch boxes, and even the bodies of dead companions, had been eaten.

The complete conquest of Canada by the English, in 1760, put an end to the incursions of the French and Indians, and peace once more reigned in the valley of the Connecticut.

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CHAPTER II.

FROM 1761 TO 1775.

The Charter "Lengthened out"—Settlement of Fulham (now Dummerston, Vt.)—First Settlement Made in Chesterfield by Moses Smith and William Thomas—First White Child Born in the Town—Some of the Earliest Settlers—The First Saw-Mill—Census of 1767—First Town-Meeting and Warrant for the Same—First Roads—Cobleigh's Grist-Mill—Josiah Willard Petitioned to Call a Town-Meeting—Tithing-Men—Meeting-House Frame—More New Roads Accepted—Committee Chosen to Provide a Minister—Committee for Dividing the Town into School-Wards—Mr. Eliot Hired to Preach "on Trial"—First Juror-Meeting—John Eliot Called to Settle in the Ministry—The Town Votes to Finish the Outside of the Meeting-House—Abraham Wood Hired to Preach "on Trial"—Mr. Wood Invited to "Settle in the Work of the Ministry"—Town-Meeting Held to Make Arrangements for the Ordination of Mr. Wood—Votes of the Town Respecting School-Wards, Pews, &c.—A New Epoch in the Town's History.

The grantees of Chesterfield having been unable to carry out the provisions of the Charter within the specified time (five years), petitioned the Governor and Council for an extension of time, in order that their grants might not be forfeited. In accordance with this petition, the Charter was "lengthened out," June 11, 1760.

The term of one year was granted for the fulfillment of the conditions imposed upon the grantees, which term was to be renewed annually, "till His Majesty's plenary instructions could be received."

In 1752, John Kathan settled near "Bemis's Rock," in the north-eastern corner of Fulham (now Dummerston); but no other permanent settlements appear to have been made in that town till about 1761. In 1760, there was no settlement in the Connecticut valley north of Charlestown.

On the 20th day of February, 1761, Moses Smith, who at that time was said to be "of Hinsdale," purchased of Oliver Willard, of Brattleboro, one whole right, or share, in the township of Chesterfield; which right, or share, belonged to the said Willard by virtue of his being one of the grantees. The numbers of the lots were not given in the deed, but it is known that two of them were the lots numbered 14 and 15, in the 16th range; the other was probably lot No. 11, in the 2nd range. Oliver Willard also owned house-lot No. 10, in the 12th range.

Having secured some of the best land in the new township, Moses Smith made preparations for establishing a home upon the same, for himself and family. Accordingly, in the month of November, 1761, as the tradition has always been, he and his son-in-law, William Thomas, came up the Connecticut in canoes or boats, for the purpose of making the first settlement in the town of Chesterfield.

The exact date of this event is uncertain, as it has been stated to be both the 15th and the 25th of November. Larkin G. Mead, Esq., who wrote a brief sketch of Chesterfield for the "Historical Collections," in 1822, adopted the latter date. There can be no doubt, however, that it was in the month of November, 1761, that the first settlement was effected by Smith and Thomas. Both men brought their families with them, Smith's, so far as known, consisting of himself and wife, Elizabeth, and his sons, Aaron, Moses, Amos, Joseph, Benjamin and Reuben. Of these sons, Aaron, the oldest, was about 21 years old; Reuben, the youngest, was about three years old. Thomas's family consisted, probably, only of himself and wife, Mary, daughter of Moses Smith.

Smith chose lot No. 14, in the 16th range, on which to build his log cabin. The spot on which this stood, is about 50 rods north of

the residence of his great-grandson, George Smith, and a few rods east of the highway, which, at this point, runs near the bank of the river. The site of the cabin is still plainly indicated by a depression in the plain.

Thomas erected his cabin near the river's bank, at a point about one mile and a half below Smith's "pitch." It stood a few rods east of the lower ferry, and a few feet north of the present highway leading easterly from the same. Its site is still marked by a depression in the earth, and a mound adjoining the depression on its eastern side. This mound consists, in great part, of ashes and charcoal.

There is no record of the way in which the winter was passed by the two families, far from any considerable settlement and in the midst of an almost unbroken wilderness; but tradition says that they subsisted, in great part, upon fish and game. At that time there was an abundance of fish in the river. Deer, bears, panthers, lynxes and wolves roamed through the forests; and smaller animals, of various kinds, were more or less numerous.

When spring came, the work of clearing a patch for cultivation was probably begun, although the work of felling trees may have been prosecuted throughout the winter, when the weather permitted.

On the 25th day of April, 1762, Thomas's wife gave birth to the first white child born in the town. This child was called Mary. The name of the first male child born in Chesterfield is not known. Reuben Smith, who, as already stated, was about three years old when he came into the town, used to say that he could remember when he was "the handsomest *little* boy in the town." The joke is apparent when it is known that, at one time, he was the *only* one, his next older brother Benjamin being three or four years older.

It is greatly to be regretted that the history of the town from the date of settlement to the year 1767, is almost a complete blank. The town records begin with this latter date; so that, on account of the loss of the proprietary records, as already stated, we have but little to guide us in our study of this period, save a few traditions and what can be gleaned from a few old deeds. It is certain, however, that a large number of families had become established in the town before 1767. In the spring of 1762, Captain Simon

Davis and Abel Emmons settled in the town; and sometime the same year, Peter Wheeler also came to settle. According to the sketch written by Larkin G. Mead, Esq., which has already been referred to, a saw-mill was built that year by John Snow and Moses Smith. The proprietors granted two pieces of land to Snow and Smith, on condition that they should erect a mill, keep it in good repair for the following five years, and saw boards at as reasonable a rate as was done in other places. Mr. Mead's information was probably correct, in the main, as, at the time he wrote (in 1822) there must have been persons living in the town who could remember many of the facts and incidents connected with its early history. There is a tradition that, after the first boards were sawed, they were laid down so as to form a kind of rude floor, upon which the settlers danced, to celebrate the event. This mill was built upon Catsbane brook, and stood near the place where the house of Warren W. Farr now stands, in the west part of the town. Ephraim Baldwin and Jonathan Cobleigh were here in 1763, and Nathan Thomas may have come the same year. In 1764, Daniel Farr and Samuel Farr probably settled in the town, although the former may have come before this date. The same year, Moses Smith, Jr., bought a lot near what is now Factory Village, and probably settled on it soon after. Jonathan Farr, Jr., and Timothy Ladd seem to have come here in 1765; Eleazer Cobleigh and Silas Thompson, in 1766; Nathaniel Bingham and Asa Thompson, in 1767.

Of course the above named persons constituted but a small part of the whole number that were in the town in the year 1767; for the census taken that year, by order of the provincial government, (it being the first census taken in the Province of New Hampshire) shows that Chesterfield had 365 inhabitants. Among those who had also become residents before the last mentioned date, were Jonas Davis, Ebenezer Davison, Thomas Emmons, Jonathan and Samuel Hildreth, James Robertson and James Wheeler.

As has already been stated, the town records begin with the year 1767. There are reasons for believing that town-meetings had been held anterior to that date, the records of which have been lost. But, be that as it may, it is certain that the first town-meeting of which there is any record was held on the second Tuesday in June, 1767. The warrant for this meeting was as follows:

PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To Samuel Hildreth, constable in and for the town of Chesterfield: you are, in his majesty's name, hereby commanded to warn all the Inhabitants of Sd town to meet att the house of Jonas Daviss In Sd town, on the Second tuesday of June Next, att one o'Clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articls:

1. to Chuse a moderator to govorn Sd meeting.
 2. To Se whether the Town will Raise money to Defray town Charges and hire Schooling.
 3. to See whether the town will hire preaching.
 4. to See whether the town will Except of the Roads as they are now Laid out.
- make Due Return of this warrant att or before Sd Day apinted for Sd meeting.

Dated Chesterfield may ye 14th, A. D. 1767.

SIMON DAVIS,	}	Selectmen of Chesterfield.
JOHN SNOW,		
JONATHAN HILDRETH,		
ELEAZER COBLEIGH,		
EBENEZER DAVISON,		

At the meeting called by the above warrant, Capt. Simon Davis was chosen moderator. The sum of five pounds, "lawful money," was voted to defray town charges, and the "river road," running from Westmoreland line to Hinsdale line, was accepted. A road beginning at Hinsdale line and running northerly by Jonathan Hildreth's and Nathaniel Bingham's, was also accepted. Jonathan Hildreth lived where Watson Wheeler now lives, and Nathaniel Bingham on "Wetherbee Hill." Several other roads were accepted at the same meeting, viz.: a road from the south-west corner of James Wheeler's land (lot 6, range 12), and running on the west line of the twelfth range, to James Robertson's; one from said Robertson's to the "meeting-house place, an easterly and south-easterly point;" and another beginning at the same place (Robertson's) and running to "Mr. Cobleigh's mill, a westerly point;" one from Hinsdale line, "in the east road a few rods till it comes to the notch of the mountain, to a new fortification, so called, thence running by Timothy Ladd's, a north-westerly point, to Peter Wheeler's, then a northerly point to Mr. Cobleigh's grist-mill;" one from the "east road" to the "middle road," on the line between Jonathan Hildreth's and Samuel Hildreth's, Jonathan Farr's and Thomas Emmons' land. James Robertson lived on the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, Timothy N. Robertson. Cobleigh's

grist-mill was on Catsbane brook, near the point where the "Lily-Pond brook" empties into it. Peter Wheeler settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Russell H. Davis, and Timothy Ladd, at the time the above-mentioned roads were accepted, may have lived on lot No. 3, in the eleventh range. Samuel Hildreth probably lived on the farm once owned by Marshall H. Day, but now owned by Hermon C. Harvey. It is not known with certainty where Jonathan Farr and Thomas Emmons lived at the time these roads were accepted. It appears from a brief record of a meeting held July 5, 1768, that the town voted to build a road "from the road that goes to Keene, along by the *potash*, to the road that goes to Winchester." There is no record of any other meeting held in the year 1768, than the one just referred to, and not even the warrant for that was recorded.

The record for 1769 is a complete blank.

In 1770, the record begins anew, and from that time to the present is unbroken. On the 16th day of January, 1770, Josiah Willard, the leading grantee, who was a justice of the peace, was petitioned by some of the inhabitants of the town, to issue a warrant for a meeting to be held in the following March, according to law. Mr. Willard was also requested to be present at the meeting. The petitioners stated that they had lost their "charter privileges" of holding town-meetings; but in what way, was not mentioned. The petition was signed by the following persons:

Elkanah Day, Nathaniel Bingham, Nathaniel Sanger, Lawrence Walton, Ephraim Baldwin, Simon Davis, Jonathan Hildreth, Thomas Emmons, Peter Wheeler, Samuel Farr, Thomas Winslow, Eleazer Cobleigh, David Stoddard.

The act in accordance with which the petition was made, was "an act passed in the sixth year of King George the Third, empowering a justice of the peace to notify town meetings, when their annual meetings have not been regularly held." Mr. Willard appointed the first Wednesday in March (the 7th day) for the meeting, which was to be held at the house of Dr. Elkanah Day.

At the meeting which was held agreeably to Mr. Willard's notification, Dr. Day was chosen moderator, and Ephraim Baldwin town-clerk. Mr. Baldwin held the office of town-clerk for fifteen successive years. Jonathan Hildreth, Silas Thompson, Elkanah

Day, Thomas Emmons and Nathaniel Bingham were elected selectmen and assessors. Mr. Willard was present and administered the oath of office. At the same meeting, Nathaniel Sanger, Edward Hildreth and Abel Emmons were chosen tithing-men. It was the duty of the last named officers to preserve order during public worship, and to look after Sabbath-breakers.

On the 3d of April following, another meeting was held at the house of Dr. Day. The second article of the warrant was as follows: "To see if the inhabitants of said town will raise money to cover the meeting-house frame that is now raised in said town." No action concerning this article was recorded. The fifth article was, "To see if the town will let the swine run at large the present year." It was voted in the affirmative. It was also voted that a warrant posted at Eleazer Cobleigh's mill, should be a sufficient warning for any town-meeting held during the year. At another meeting held the 24th of the same month, it was voted to raise *one hundred pounds*, to cover the meeting-house frame; and Martin Warner, Elkanah Day and Silas Thompson were chosen a committee to oversee the covering of the same.

October 22, the same year, another town-meeting was held, at which it was voted to accept several new roads, viz.: a road from the meeting-house to the river, passing through Jonas Davis's land to the road that led from said Davis's to the river; one from the meeting-house to Winchester, running easterly into the "old road that leads to Winchester;" one from the meeting-house to Keene, as it was then "trod;" also one from "the bridge between Capt. Davis's and Joseph Higgins', through Capt. Davis's land, a southerly point, by Simon Davis's, Jr., Jonathan Farr's &c., to Hinsdale line(?), by marked trees." Capt. Simon Davis and Joseph Higgins lived near the "river road," but the exact location of their houses is not known. Four other roads were accepted at the same meeting. It was also voted to take five pounds and ten shillings of the money raised to be laid out on the meeting-house, for the purpose of paying the province tax.

At the annual town-meeting held March 6, 1771, Moses Smith, David Stoddard and Timothy Ladd were chosen selectmen and assessors. Two more roads were also accepted, one of them running from Widow Cobleigh's mill westerly, and "north of Mr. Snow's

saw-mill, and south of Warren Snow's house, to the river road.' "Widow Cobleigh" was undoubtedly the widow of Eleazer Cobleigh.

At a meeting held the 16th of the next April, it was voted to raise 50 pounds to hire preaching, and 15 pounds for schooling. It was also voted "to let the swine run at large, being yoked and ringed according to law." Another meeting was held May 29th, the same year. Jonathan Hildreth, Nathaniel Bingham and John Snow were chosen a committee "to provide a minister." A committee of the following persons was also formed, to divide the town into school wards, viz: Nathan Thomas, John Grandy, Elisha Rockwood, Silas Thompson, Jacob Hinds, Thomas Emmons and Aaron Smith.

The establishment of a church and the procuring of a suitable minister to take charge of the same, seems to have occupied the attention of the town to a considerable extent during the year 1771; for, Aug. 5, of that year, another meeting was held, at which it was voted to hire Mr. Eliot upon further trial. From this it is inferred that Mr. Eliot had already been preaching in the town. It was voted at the same meeting not to establish the school wards as laid out by the committee chosen for that purpose. This was the first town-meeting ever held in the meeting-house. On the 2d of September following, a meeting was held to elect grand-jurors and draw petit-jurors. This was the first juror-meeting held in the town, of which there is any record.

The Province was divided in 1771 into five counties, namely, Rockingham, Strafford, Hillsborough, Cheshire and Grafton. The first grand-jurors chosen by this town, at the above-mentioned meeting, were Elisha Rockwood and Silas Thompson for the Superior Court, and Martin Warner for the Inferior Court. Aaron Smith and Nathaniel Bingham were the first petit-jurors for the former court, and John Davison for the latter.

On the 24th of the same month (Sept., 1771) the sixth town-meeting of the year took place in the meeting-house, in which building the town-meetings were ever afterwards held, till it was burned down. At this meeting it was voted to give Mr. John Eliot "a call" to settle in the ministry of the town, and to give him 100

pounds "settlement money," for two years ; also, to give him a salary of 40 pounds a year, for the first two years, and five pounds additional each year thereafter, till his salary should become equal to 65 pounds a year. A committee was also chosen "to treat with Mr. Eliot." It was voted to remit Naphthali Streeter's minister-rate, because he was a member of the Anabaptist church, as was proved by a certificate from a church in Royalston, Mass., duly recorded in the records of Chesterfield.

During the year 1772, no fewer than *eight* town-meetings were held. The *first* took place Jan. 2, when it was voted to give Col. Josiah Willard of Winchester one "pew ground" in the meeting-house, the same to be the second one west of the pulpit. One "pew ground" was also reserved for the ministry. Certain other provisions were made for the disposal of pews, and it was voted not to raise money to be laid out on the building.

The *second* was on the 12th of February. It was voted neither to raise money to hire preaching, nor to finish the outside of the meeting-house ; but it was voted to raise the sum of ten pounds for the support of the poor.

The *third* meeting was the annual one, and was held March 4. The selectmen chosen were the same as in the previous year. Three new roads, laid out by the selectmen, were accepted ; and a committee was chosen to settle with all those persons who had held the office of selectman, from the time of incorporation to the year 1772.

The *fourth* meeting took place April 2, at which it was voted to raise 150 pounds to repair the highways, each man to be allowed three shillings, four pence per day, till the first of October, and after that date, two shillings, eight pence per day. For the use of a yoke of oxen, two shillings per day were to be allowed ; for a plow and cart, one shilling per day, each. The sum of 12 pounds was appropriated for the schools. It seems that Mr. Eliot, for some cause not now known, was not engaged as pastor of the town-church ; for, at the *fifth* meeting of the year, held June 8, it was voted to take 75 pounds of the money appropriated for the highways, and use it in finishing the outside of the meeting-house, and to raise 15 pounds "*to hire preaching upon probation.*"

At the *sixth* meeting, Aug. 17, it was voted to hire Mr. Abraham Wood, upon "farther trial." From this it is to be inferred that Mr.

Wood had already been preaching "upon probation," according to the vote passed at the preceding meeting. It was furthermore voted, at the same meeting, that the Baptists should pay their proportion of the minister-rates.

October 12, the *seventh* meeting was held, at which it was voted to give Abraham Wood an invitation to settle in the work of the ministry, and to give him, if he accepted the invitation, the sum of 100 pounds "for a settlement," and a yearly salary as follows: from the time of his acceptance of the "call," 40 pounds a year, for two years; and after the expiration of two years, five pounds additional each year, till his salary should amount to 65 pounds per year. These terms were accepted by Mr. Wood, in a letter which will be given in its proper place. (See chapter on "Churches, &c.")

A pastor for the town-church having been procured, the *eighth* and last town-meeting of the year was held on the 7th day of December, to make preparations for his ordination. At this meeting the following votes were passed:

1. That Thursday, the 31st day of the same month, should be the day on which the ordination was to take place.

2. That Elisha Rockwood should have eight pounds "for providing and entertaining with victuals, drink, lodgings and horse-keeping, the whole of the council of ministers, delegates and other gentlemen of distinction."

3. That the sum of nine pounds should be raised to defray any expenses arising from the ordination.

4. That the Town concur with the vote of the Church, to send invitations to other churches to assist in the ordination.

5. That the window-caps of the meeting-house should be "of straight, solid wood, with cornice on the front."

6. That two or three Sabbaths a year should be granted to Mr. Wood, to enable him to visit his friends, so long as he should be the pastor of the church.

Such were, in substance, the votes passed at this meeting. There is no further record concerning Mr. Wood's ordination known to be in existence.

At the annual town-meeting for the year 1773, which took place on the 3d of March, Zerubbabel Snow, Ephraim Baldwin and Martin Warner were elected selectmen. It was voted to buy a cloth

for covering coffins at funerals, "in order for a decent burial in said town." Lawrence Walton was chosen sexton, "to inspect the meeting-house" and have charge of the graveyard near the same. It was also voted to raise 15 pounds for the support of the schools, and 50 pounds for building certain pews in the meeting-house.

At another meeting held the 21st of the following April, it was voted to raise 150 pounds to be laid out on the highways; to allow two porches to be added to the meeting-house; to sell the "pew-grounds" to the highest bidders, at "public vendue," the persons bidding to be residents of the town, and only one pew-ground to be sold to one person; also, that the money so obtained should be expended on the meeting-house. At the same meeting another committee was chosen to divide the town into school wards. At another meeting held June 28, the same year, it was voted to purchase a set of weights and measures for the use of the town. The last meeting of the year was held Dec. 14, at which two new roads were accepted.

At the annual town meeting for the year 1774, held March 2, the same selectmen were elected as at the annual meeting in '73. Nathan Thomas and Josiah Hastings were also chosen deer-reeves. It was voted to allow Phineas Brown 91 pounds and 4 shillings, in full, for work on the meeting-house, including all the materials furnished by him.

The 26th of the next April, at a special meeting, the town voted to have six school wards, each ward to have the proportion of the school money that it was assessed for.

A new epoch in the history of the town was now soon to come, and the period which embraces the eight years beginning with the year 1775, is one of great interest and importance. Previous to this last mentioned date, there is no evidence that the town took any part in the affairs of the Province at large, except to pay its proportion of the Province tax; but the great struggle which was now impending between England and her American colonies, aroused the town from its passive condition to one of action and excitement.

In 1773, most of the colonies appointed "committees of correspondence." The object of these committees was to promote unity of sentiment and action respecting the oppressive measures undertaken by the mother-country. Such a committee was appointed by

the New Hampshire Assembly in May, 1774; whereupon that body was adjourned by Gov. John Wentworth, the nephew and successor of Benning Wentworth. The members of the Assembly were soon afterwards summoned to meet, by the committee. The Governor, attended by the Sheriff of Rockingham county, went among them and ordered them to disperse. They adjourned to another building, and wrote letters to all the towns in the Province, requesting them to send deputies to Exeter, for the purpose of choosing delegates to attend a "general congress," to be held at Philadelphia, in September. Accordingly, eighty-five deputies were chosen, who assembled at Exeter, and, July 21, delegated Nathaniel Folsom and John Sullivan to attend the proposed congress at Philadelphia. Chesterfield seems not to have complied with the request to send a deputy to Exeter.

CHAPTER III.

The Civil History of the Town during the war of the Revolution and the Controversy about the "New Hampshire Grants" (from 1775 to 1783.)

The Town Accepts of the Result of the General Congress Held at Philadelphia—A Committee Chosen "to Observe the Conduct of All Persons"—Bad State of Society—A New Form of Government Proposed—The Town Chooses its First Representative—The "Association Test," and Names of Persons who Signed, or Refused to Sign, the "Declaration"—Michael Cressey Chosen Representative—Mr. Cressey's Instructions—Dissatisfaction with the Form of Government Adopted for the New State—Richard Coughlan's Rum Destroyed—A "Committee of Inspection and Correspondence" Chosen—Address to the Inhabitants of Chesterfield by Samuel Fairbanks and Elisha Rockwood—Address of the Town Committee of Safety, respecting Persons "Inimical to the United States of America"—Ephm. Baldwin, Clerk of the Town, Cited to Appear before the General Assembly—The "Articles of Confederation" Accepted by the Town—Convention at Walpole—Rev. Abraham Wood's Proposals respecting His Salary for 1780—Controversy about the "New

Hampshire Grants"—A New State Formed, Called "Vermont"—Sixteen Towns *East* of the Connecticut Attempt to Unite with Vermont—Convention at Charlestown—The Town Refuses to Take Measures for Raising its Quota of Men for the Army—Convention at Cornish—Chesterfield and Other Towns Unite with Vermont—Memorial of Bingham, Cressey and Others—Conflict of Authority between the Officers of New Hampshire and Vermont—Samuel Davis Attempts to Serve a Writ on James Robertson, and is Resisted—Nathaniel Bingham and John Grandy, Jr., Arrested and Committed to the Jail at Charlestown—The Sheriff of Cheshire County Attempts to Release Bingham and Grandy and is Imprisoned by a Vermont Sheriff—Vermont Prepares to Use Military Force, if Necessary—Col. King Desires His Men to be in Readiness—Orders Given by the Committee of Safety for the Arrest of King, Moses Smith, Jr., and Others—King Arrested, but Rescued by Members of the Vermont Party—Capt. Burt's Description of the Proceedings of the Vermont Party in Chesterfield—Gen. Bellows also Gives a Graphic Description of the State of Affairs in Chesterfield—The New Hampshire Government Resolves to Send an Armed Force into the Western Part of the State—Washington's Letter to the Governor of Vermont—End of the Controversy—Gen. Bellows, of Walpole, and Wm. Lee, Issue a Warrant for the Annual Town-Meeting for the Year 1782. The Minority Protest against the Proceedings of the Majority—Samuel Davis Attempts to Break up the Court at Keene—Adoption of a Constitution for the State—Troops Ordered into Chesterfield to Enforce the Payment of Taxes.

A second convention of deputies from the towns of the Province, met at Exeter in January, 1775, to consider the state of affairs and choose delegates to attend the next General Congress to be held at Philadelphia on the 10th of May following. Major Sullivan and Capt. Langdon were chosen for this purpose.

There is no record of the sending of a deputy or delegate by this town to the above mentioned convention, but it appears that its proceedings were heartily indorsed by a majority of the inhabitants.

Under date of Jan. 17, 1775, is the record of a town-meeting, at which it was voted to accept of the result of the General Congress held at Philadelphia in the autumn of the preceding year; to act upon a letter that came from the chairman of the Provincial Committee; also, that this town would pay its proportion of the cost of another Congress to be held at Philadelphia the following May. Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Hinds, Nathaniel Bingham, Silas Thompson and Ephraim Baldwin were constituted a committee "to draw up articles" and make return of the proceedings of the meeting to the Provincial Committee.

The annual town-meeting was held on the first day of March. In the warrant for the same was the following article: "To see if the town will choose a committee, agreeable to the advice of the Continental Congress, whose business it shall be attentively to observe the conduct of all persons touching said Congress." In accordance with this advice, Ensign Moses Smith, Dea. Silas Thompson and Lieut. Jacob Hinds were chosen "to observe the conduct of all persons," as above stated.

Society, at the time the war began, was in a very unhappy condition, being, in fact, in a state bordering upon anarchy. Dr. Jeremy Belknap, who wrote his excellent "History of New Hampshire" before the close of the last century, and who personally experienced the excitement and hardships of the Revolution, gives us the following vivid picture of the state of society in 1775:

"A spirit of violent resentment was excited against all who were suspected of a disposition inimical to the American Cause. Some persons were taken up on suspicion and imprisoned; some fled to Nova Scotia or to England, or joined the British army in Boston. Others were restricted to certain limits and their motions continually watched. The passions of jealousy, hatred and revenge were freely indulged, and the tongue of slander was under no restraint. Wise and good men secretly lamented these excesses; but no effectual remedy could be administered. All commissions under the former authority being annulled, the courts of justice were shut, and the sword of magistracy was sheathed. The Provincial Convention directed the general affairs of the war; and town committees had a discretionary, but undefined, power to preserve domestic peace."

Nathaniel Bingham, Ephraim Hubbard, Stephen Carter, Moses Smith, Jr., and John Davison were the selectmen this year (1775), having been chosen at the annual meeting.

In May, the royal Governor, John Wentworth, called a new Assembly, and urged the members to adopt measures that would restore tranquillity. A new Convention of deputies was in session at Exeter at the same time, and gave the Assembly instructions with regard to the course to be pursued by the latter. In accordance with these instructions, the Assembly ejected three members whom the Governor had summoned, by the King's writ, from three new

townships. This so displeased Gov. Wentworth that he adjourned the Assembly to the eleventh day of July following. One of the expelled members having in some way incurred the displeasure of the populace, took refuge in the Governor's house. The people placed a gun, mounted upon a carriage, before the door, and the man was surrendered. The Governor then withdrew to the fort, and his house, which was in Portsmouth, was pillaged. The Assembly having met on the 11th of July, according to adjournment, Gov. Wentworth sent a message from the fort and adjourned it to Sept. 28th; but it never met again. However, when the time came for the meeting of the Assembly, the Governor issued a proclamation from the Isles of Shoals, adjourning it to the next April. This was his last official act, as Governor of the Province, and British rule in New Hampshire was now virtually ended.

The Convention that met at Exeter in May, was in session most of the time till November. One hundred and two towns were represented by 133 members. Post-offices were established, and a committee of supplies for the army and a "committee of safety" were formed. The Convention also proceeded to get possession of the provincial records.

Before the Convention dissolved, it applied to the General Congress for advice with regard to the form of government to be adopted. The General Congress recommended that a full and free representation of the people should be called, to adopt such a form of government as should be thought best for the Province during the contest with Great Britain. Accordingly, the Convention decided that each elector should possess a real estate of the value of 20 pounds, and each candidate for election one of the value of 300 pounds; that every town having one-hundred families should be entitled to one representative, and one more for every one-hundred families additional; that towns having less than one-hundred families should be classed. The number of inhabitants had been ascertained to be 82,200, of which 11,089 belonged to Cheshire county. But at that time, Cheshire county included the territory now called Sullivan county. It was decided that the entire population should be represented by 89 representatives. Having sent to the towns copies of the plan of representation proposed, the Convention dissolved on the 16th day of November.

On the 14th day of December, a town-meeting was held to choose a person to represent Chesterfield and Hinsdale in the "Provincial Congress," as it was called, to be held at Exeter on the 21st day of the same month. Archibald Robertson was chosen for this purpose. Mr. Robertson was to hold his office for one year, and was the first delegate or representative chosen by the town; at least, he was the first of whom we have any record. Capt. Shattuck, Aaron Cooper, Capt. Hildreth, Ensign Smith and Lieut. Fletcher were constituted a committee to give Mr. Robertson his instructions. Aaron Cooper was of Hinsdale, as was, probably, also Capt. Shattuck.

As soon as the Convention, of which Mr. Robertson was a member, had assembled, a new form of government was drawn up. On the 5th day of January, 1776, the Convention assumed the name and authority of a House of Representatives, and chose twelve persons to form a separate branch of the Legislature, with the name of Council. These were empowered to choose their own president. It was decreed that no act should be valid without the approval of both branches. The two branches also performed executive duties, while in session; and at every adjournment, a "committee of safety" was appointed to exercise executive powers during the recesses of the Legislature. The president of the Council was also president of this committee. The first person who held this position was Meshech Weare. The name of "Colony of New Hampshire" was now adopted, and retained till independence had been formally declared.

On the first day of February, 1776, the inhabitants of Chesterfield held a town-meeting at which Ephraim Baldwin was elected a justice of the peace, to serve for the term of one year. The annual meeting for this year was held on the 6th day of March. This meeting was called "in the name of the Council or House of Representatives," all previous ones having been called "in his Majesty's name." Ephraim Baldwin, Michael Cressey, Samuel Hildreth, Moses Smith, Jr., and Ephraim Hubbard were chosen selectmen. At another meeting held the 19th day of April, it was voted not to raise money for schooling; but a committee of seven men was formed to divide the town into school-wards. At a town-meeting held the 31st day of May, it was voted to accept the school-wards

as laid out by the committee chosen for that purpose, and to raise thirty pounds for school purposes. It was also voted to allow each ward to employ its own instructors, and to exempt those men who were in the army from paying a poll-tax for that year.

On the 14th of March the General Congress passed the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Assemblies, Conventions and Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, *immediately* to cause all persons to be *disarmed*, within their respective Colonies, who are *notoriously* disaffected to the cause of AMERICA, or who have not associated, and refuse to associate, to defend by ARMS the United Colonies, against the hostile attempts of the British fleets and armies."

This resolution having been received by the Committee of Safety for the Colony, it was transmitted to the selectmen of the towns throughout the whole Colony, together with the following request :

"Colony of New Hampshire.

IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

April 12th, 1776.

In order to carry the underwritten RESOLVE of the Honorable Continental Congress into execution, you are requested to desire all males above twenty-one years of age (lunatics, idiots and negroes excepted) to sign to the DECLARATION on this paper; and when so done to make return thereof, together with the name or names of all who shall refuse to sign the same, to the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this Colony.

M. WEARE, Chairman."

The Declaration.

WE, THE SUBSCRIBERS, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY ENGAGE AND PROMISE, THAT WE WILL, TO THE UTMOST OF OUR POWER, AT THE RISQUE OF OUR LIVES AND FORTUNES, WITH ARMS, OPPOSE THE HOSTILE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH FLEETS AND ARMIES AGAINST THE UNITED AMERICAN COLONIES.

The selectmen of Chesterfield having received the "Declaration," sent the following reply to the Committee of Safety. The date of their letter is not given, but it must have been written before the 12th of June :

"TO THE HONORABLE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

As soon as ever we received your Directions requesting us to desire all the Males in this Town to sign to a Declaration (Lunaticks, &c., excepted) in obedience thereto we Immediately proceeded to give publick Notice of your Intentions and otherwise as we Thought would have the most effectual Tendency to have put into Execution, in order that we might make a Return by our Representative, but having so short a Time for to accomplish the Matter

in so great a Town, and being unwilling to omit anything relating to our Duty and which might be for the Benefit of the Whole, we calmly deliberated on the matter, asked ye advice of our Representative and others of Sense and Steadiness, and as we were not limited to a certain Time to make a Return, we propose to make one as soon as it may be done with conveniency.

So rest your Humble Servts.,

EPH. BALDWIN,	}	Selectmen of Chesterfield.
MICHAEL CRESEY,		
SAM'L HILDRETH,		

June 12, 1776, the selectmen made the following return :

"In obedience to the within Declaration that we Rec'd from your Honors, we proceeded According to your Directions and the persons Names under-written are those that Refuse to sign to the Declaration on your paper:

Capt. Jonathan Hildreth,	Eleazer Pomeroy,	Ebenezer Harvey,
Lieut. Ephraim Whitney,	Ebenezer Cooper,	Joseph Prentice,
Ephraim Whitney,	Ebenezer Fletcher, Jr.,	Sam'l Davis Converse,
Elisha Walton,	Eseek Earl,	Silas Bennett,

Sal. Keing [Samuel King.]

EPH. BALDWIN,	}	Selectmen of Chesterfield.
MOSES SMITH, JR.,		
MICHAEL CRESEY,		
EPHR'M HUBBARD,		
SAM'L HILDRETH,		

NAMES OF THOSE WHO SIGNED THE DECLARATION.

Abraham Wood,	Moses Smith,
Simon Davis,	Josiah Streeter,
Isaac Davis,	Michael Woodcock,
John Snow,	Jonathan Cobleigh,
Oliver Cobleigh,	Jonas Stearns,
Jonathan Farwell,	Samuel Fairbanks,
Oliver Farwell,	Jonathan Farr, 2d,
Silas Thompson,	Josiah Lamb,
William Farwell,	Samuel Walker,
Jonathan Davis,	Archibald Robertson,
Warren Snow,	Andrew Colburn,
Ebenezer Streeter,	Lawrence Walton,
William Thomas,	Phineas Brown,
Daniel Baldwin,	John Sanderson,
William Simonds,	William Fisher,
Amos Smith,	Jonathan Hildreth, Jr.,
Josh Smith, [probably Joseph Smith.]	James Wheeler, Jr.,
Jonathan Farr, 4th,	Josiah Hastings,
Jonathan Farr, 3d,	Andrew Hastings,
Thomas Farr,	Noah Emmons,
Benjamin Hudson,	Jonathan Cressey,

Ephraim Wheeler,
 John Cobleigh,
 Joseph Higgins,
 James McElroy,
 Joseph Wheeler,
 James Wheeler,
 Zenas Fairbanks,
 Nathan Bishop,
 Isaac Hildreth,
 Israel Johnson,
 James Robertson,
 Elisha Rockwood,
 Dan Cobleigh,
 Aaron Farr,
 Peter Wheeler,
 Moses Ellis,
 Ephraim Hubbard,
 Amos Davis,
 John White,
 Nathan Metcalf,
 John Bishop,
 Jonathan Cobleigh,
 Nathan Thomas,
 Abel Emmons,
 William Robertson,
 Edward Hildreth,
 James Davis,
 Enoch Streeter,
 John Pratt,
 Nathaniel Bingham,
 Abel Ray,
 Samuel Farr,
 Nehemiah Merrill,
 Samuel Farr, Jr.,
 John Haskell,
 Ezekiel Powers,
 Silas Wood,
 Obahiah Merrill,
 William Henry,
 Daniel Farr,
 Amasa Colburn,
 Thomas Harris,
 Douglas Robbins,
 Ullainell Merrill,
 Sherebiah Fay,
 Zur Evans,

William Farr, Jr.,
 Ithamar Chamberlain,
 Caleb Johnson,
 Amos Streeter,
 Abner Johnson,
 Kimball Carlton,
 Theodore Bingham,
 John Pierce,
 Benjamin Colburn,
 Ephraim Farr,
 Isaac Farr,
 Thomas Darby,
 Joseph Metcalf,
 Martin Warner,
 David Stooder, Jr.,
 [David Stoddard, Jr.,]
 Samuel Peacock,
 John Peacock,
 Ephraim Baldwin,
 Michael Cressey,
 Samuel Hildreth,
 Moses Smith, Jr.,
 William Aires,
 David Stone,
 John Grandy,
 John Grandy, Jr.,
 Increase Lamb,
 Abner Albee,
 Ebenezer Taft,
 John Richardson,
 Daniel Kinnison,
 Joel Whitney,
 David Farr,
 James Mansfield,
 Amos Hubbard,
 Jonathan Farr, 1st,
 Patrick McMichael,
 Abijah Kingsbury,
 Ebenezer Gail,
 Sylvanus Battey,
 Ebenezer Faver,
 Abijah Stearns,
 Matthew Gray,
 William Hildreth,
 James Reed,
 John Ellis,

Oliver Hubbard,
Michael Metcalf,
Charles Johnson,

Benjamin Smith,
Samuel Fletcher,
Abraham Farr.

One hundred and thirty-nine persons signed the Declaration, and thirteen refused to sign. The Declaration was known as the "Association Test," and, according to the returns that were made, was signed by 8,199 persons in the Colony of New Hampshire; while only 773 persons refused to sign.

Had the Americans failed in their cause, every person who signed it would have been subjected to the "pains and penalties of treason." It was a preliminary step to the national "Declaration of Independence," which was declared on the 4th day of July, the same year. Within fourteen days after the announcement of the National Declaration, it was proclaimed by the beating of drums in all the shire-towns of New Hampshire.

On the 30th of July, another town-meeting was held, the record of which is as follows: "The inhabitants of Chesterfield met at the meeting-house and proceeded as follows: Voted to act on a circular letter dated at Walpole, and chose Eph'm Baldwin as our agent to go to Walpole and act and transact (?) on matters, if they see fit when met, for the benefit of the county of Cheshire, and voted that the committee of safety give instructions to said Baldwin."

On the 2d day of December, another town-meeting was held. The warrant for this meeting was the first that ever bore the words "State of New Hampshire" at its head, and the meeting was called "in the name of the government and people of said State." Soon after the Declaration of Independence, the name "Colony" had been dropped, and the name of "State" adopted in its stead. At this meeting Michael Cressey was elected to represent the town in the Assembly that was to meet at Exeter the third Wednesday of the same month. Rev. Mr. Wood, Dea. Thompson, Lieut. Fairbanks, Dr. Harvey and Lieut. Rockwood were chosen a committee to give Mr. Cressey his instructions. In accordance with the vote passed on the 2d day of December, the committee chosen for that purpose gave Mr. Cressey the following instructions:

“TO MR. MICHAEL CREASY, REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Sir:—Whereas it having pleased Almighty God to humble the people of this land, by permitting the tyrant of Great Britain and his minions, in the fulness of their rage, to prevail against them, by subverting the Civil Constitution of every Province in his late American dominions, affecting thereby the activity of law and justice and [promoting] the introduction of vice and profaneness, attended with domestick confusion and all the calamities attendant on the dissolution of the power of Civil Government, which in this alarming progress have made it absolutely necessary for each state to separate itself from that land from whence their forefathers were exiled by the cruel hand of tyranny, and to form for itself, under the ruler of all the earth, such plans of Civil Government as the people thereof should think most conducive to their own safety and advantage; notwithstanding the importance of an equitable system of Government, as it affects ourselves and our posterity, we are brought to the disagreeable necessity of declaring that it is our candid opinion that the State of New Hampshire, instead of forming an equitable plan of Government, conducing to the peace and safety of the State, have been influenced by the iniquitous intrigues and secret designations of persons unfriendly, to settle down upon the dregs of Monarchical and Aristocratical Tyranny, in imitation of their late *British* oppressor. We can by no means imagine ourselves so far lost to a sense of the natural rights and immunities of ourselves and our fellow men, as to imagine that the State can be either safe or happy under a constitution formed without the knowledge or particular authority of a great part of its inhabitants; a constitution which no man knows the contents of, except that the whole Legislative power of the State is to be entirely vested in the will and pleasure of a House of Representatives, and that chosen according to the Sovereign determination of their own will, by allowing to some towns sundry voices in the said House, others but one, and others none; and in a Council of twelve men, five of which are always to be residents of Rockingham County, who by the assistance of two others of said Council, have the power of a casting voice in all State affairs. Thus we see the important affairs of the State liable to be converted to the advantage of a small part of the State, and the emolument of its officers, by reason of the other part of the State not having an equal or equitable share in the Government to counterbalance the designs of the other. You are therefore authorized and instructed to exert yourself to the utmost to procure a redress of the aforementioned grievances, and in case they will not comply, to return home for further instructions.

SOLOMAN HARVEY,

Chesterfield, December ye 12th, 1776.

per order Com.”

The inhabitants of Chesterfield were not alone in complaining of the injustice, as they regarded it, of the principle of representation that had been adopted. A number of towns in the western part of the State remonstrated against the form of government that had

been assumed, and some of them refused to send representatives to the Assembly. It was asserted that every incorporated town, whether large or small, should be entitled to at least one representative; and some towns maintained that there ought to be no Council to negative the proceedings of the House.

An incident occurred in the town on the 27th of January, 1777, that is worthy of mention. Our knowledge of this incident is derived wholly from a petition sent to the General Assembly by Richard Coughlan. In this petition Coughlan stated that, on the day above-mentioned, Kimball Carlton and "divers others" broke into his house and destroyed about twenty gallons of rum, abused him and his wife, and took him prisoner. His captors afterwards got a warrant from Ephm. Baldwin, appointing the 11th day of February for his trial. Coughlan appeared for trial, but no one appeared to testify against him. He also complained that the men "swore in a prophane manner." The object of his petition was to get indemnity for the rum that had been destroyed.

The annual town-meeting for 1777 was on the 5th day of March. Lieut. Fairbanks, Lieut. Rockwood, and Lieut. Robertson were chosen selectmen. Lieut. Fairbanks, Jonathan Farr, 2d, Lieut. Robertson, Warren Snow and Lieut. Rockwood were chosen a "committee of inspection and correspondence." In the warrant for this meeting had been inserted the following article: "To see if the town will write anything to ease any reflections cast on the Hon'ble Committee from the General Court, by a letter sent to said Committee from this town." The vote on this article was in the negative. The writer has been unable to find the letter referred to, or to learn the name of its author. It was also voted, at the same meeting, to raise 50 pounds for schooling.

May 29, another meeting was held, having been called in pursuance of "an act passed in this State relative to choosing committees in the several towns in the State, in order to regulate the prices of provisions and other articles mentioned in said act." Ensign Moses Smith, Martin Warner, Capt. Hildreth, Lieut. Farwell and John Sargent were chosen a committee to carry out the provisions of the above-mentioned act. This act was passed by the General Court, in January, for reasons set forth in the preamble to the same, which is as follows:

Whereas the exorbitant Price of the Necessary and convenient Articles of Life, and also of Labour, within this State, at this Time of Distress (unless speedily and effectually remedied) will be attended with the most fatal and pernicious Consequences."

A few extracts from this act are here given, to show more fully its nature. The price of good, merchantable wheat was not to exceed 7s. 6d. per bushel; rye, 4s. 6d. per bushel; Indian corn, 3s. 6d. per bushel; beans, 6s. per bushel; potatoes, at any season of the year, 2s; butter of the best quality, 10d. per lb.; salted pork, by the barrel of 220 lbs. weight, £5; good sole-leather, 1s. 6d. per lb.; N. E. rum, of the best quality, 3s. 10d. per gal., by the hogs-head, and 4s. 6d. by the single gallon; best Muscovado sugars, 8d. by the single pound, at the first port of delivery, allowing 9d. per cwt. for every ten miles of land-carriage; good coffee, 4d per single lb.; good sheep's wool, 2s 2d. per lb.; good cotton cloth, one yard wide, 3s. 8d. per yard; good N. E. bar-iron, 40s. per cwt., at the iron-works. The price of farm labor, in the summer season, was not to exceed 3s. 4d. per day, and was to be in proportion at other seasons. Other kinds of labor were to be computed according to previous custom and usage, *compared with farm labor*. Certain penalties were also provided for the violation of any of the provisions of the act. This law proved very ineffectual, however, and was repealed.

Another town-meeting was called for June 12th. The warrant was preceded by an "introductory address" to the inhabitants of the town, by Samuel Fairbanks and Elisha Rockwood. This address was as follows:

"TO THE INHABITANTS OF CHESTERFIELD.

Gentlemen: You are not ignorant of the calamities of this present day. Enemies without the state, and within; and being of late often alarmed by hearing of many conspiracies of such persons as were generally esteemed friendly to the American Cause and Freedom; and also of the great oppression of some and rejoicings of others at the fall and under Vallument of the paper currency, and some rejecting the Regulating Acts; all the above said circumstances considered, with many others that might be offered, it appears necessary that every town should be furnished with full sets of officers, both selectmen and committees of correspondence; and, as one constable is gone, or going, out of town, there will be need of one in his room and stead,—we have thought fit by the advice of some and desire of others, to call the town together for the purposes hereafter mentioned."

The fourth article of the warrant that followed the address was, "To see if the town inhabitants will choose a committee of correspondence to unite with other towns in this day of distress, and use means to defend all our lawful rights." At the meeting which followed, Nathaniel Bingham and Jonathan Farr, 2d, were elected additional selectmen; and it was voted to confirm the election of the committee chosen May 29th, with the exception of John Sargent, whose election was annulled. The constable referred to in the above address was John Pierce. The record merely says, "Voted in the negative with regard to the constable."

August 28, there was another town-meeting. There was considerable trouble with respect to the working out of highway taxes, this year; for much of the money that had been raised for the repair of the roads, had not been worked out as was directed. Some declared they would not work at all, unless the delinquents were compelled to make up their deficiencies, and "a real regulation took place." It was, therefore, voted that every man should work out his part of the "highway rate," or pay an equivalent; and if he refused to do so, he was to be "proceeded against" as the law directed.

On the 8th day of December, the fifth town-meeting of the year was held. At this meeting it was voted to sell the pews not already sold, at public vendue, and to put the pew money that had not been paid, on interest.

From the Journal of the House for Saturday, Dec. 20th, is extracted the following: "Voted, That Mr. Giles, Mr. Cresey, Mr. Mellin be a Committee, with such as the Hon'ble Board shall appoint, to consider of the address of the Committee of Safety of Chesterfield, and report thereon." The following extract from this address, contains nearly all the information concerning the conduct of the principal tories of the town, which the writer has been able to obtain:

"To the Honourable Court of the State of New Hampshire:

The Committee of Safety of Chesterfield humbly sheweth this Hon^{ble} House, that whereas sundry Persons, viz., Ebenezer Harvey, Elezor Pomroy and Sam'l King, all of Chesterfield abovs^d, were some time in June last summoned to appear before the Court of Enquiry at Keen, as being Enemical to the United States of America, and upon tryall were found guilty of a misdemeanor against the State:—on which account they were fined and confined to

their farms by Bond, till that or some other Court or authority should set them at Liberty:—upon which they, or some of them, Beg'd the Favour of s^d Court, that they might have y^e Liberty of taking the Oath of Fidelity to the States; on which accompt Esqr^r Giles went Immediately to Exeter, as we have been informed, and procured said oath or form of it, and sent to us by Sheriff Cook of Keen, and our Direction was to take a justice of the Peace and tender s^d oath to those confined persons, to y^e end they might take it and performe accordingly and be at Liberty; and we followed the Directions of Esqr^r Prentice and Esqr^r Wyman. The aforementioned confined persons said they were willing to take y^e said oath, if it came from lawful authority; but they Disputed y^e authority and paid no regard to Esqr^r Prentice Letter, which was to take the Oath of fidelity and be set at Liberty; and as they were fully fixed in principal or will, they apply'd to Justice Baldwin and he liberated them. Again they apply'd to Esqr^r Wyman and notwithstanding they neglected to take the oath, he, said Justice, enlarged their bonds just so far as to serve their own turns;—all which was contrary to y^e advice of the Committee, except they would take y^e oath of Fidelity to the States, and their bonds are just so far enlarged as to serve their own turns; and when called upon to do any publick service, they say that they are confined, and so are excused: all which gives great uneasiness to many steady friends to America. * * *

We do therefore pray your Honours to take these things into your wise consideration, and Dismiss or Confine the abovementioned persons, and that they be subjects of their duty and service in y^e defence of our much oppress'd land.

SAMUEL FAIRBANK,	}	Committee of Safety.
ELISHA ROCKWOOD,		
JAMES ROBERTSON,		

Chesterfield, December y^e 13th, 1777.

To the Hon^{ble} Court or Committee of Safety of this New Hampshire State.
(a Copy near similar to the former petition.)

Test., Sam^l Fairbank, Chairman."

Esqr. Giles and Esqr. Prentice, referred to in this petition, were probably Benjamin Giles of Newport, a prominent member of the House of Representatives, and Nathaniel Sartel Prentice of Alstead. Esqr. Wyman was undoubtedly Col. Isaac Wyman of Keene.

It is not known what action the General Court took with regard to the persons against whom complaint was made in the above petition; but it appears, from a vote passed by the House, March 2d, 1778, that Esqr. Baldwin, who was town-clerk at that time, was summoned to appear before that body, to answer to a complaint made against him by the town committee of safety. The following is the record of the vote passed by the House: Voted, That Ephraim Baldwin, Esqr., of Chesterfield, be cited to appear before the General Assembly on the second Friday of their next

session, to answer to a complaint exhibited to this Court, against him, by the Committee of Chesterfield, as speaking or acting in some measure Enemical to the Liberties of the American States." The upper branch of the General Assembly concurred with the House in this vote. On the 14th of March the House adjourned, to meet again on the 20th of May. After a session of three days, there being no quorum of the Council, the House again adjourned to the 12th day of August. No record of any further action, on the part of the General Assembly, respecting the complaint made against Mr. Baldwin, has been found.

The first town-meeting of the year 1778, was held February 6th. The warrant contained the following article: "To read and consult the articles of confederation, as directed by the Court of this State, agreeable to the resolve of the Continental Congress." It was voted "to approve and accept of the confederation of the United States"; also, "to comply with the directions of the General Court of this State, relating to the instructing our representative concerning a plan or system for the future government of this State."

The "articles of confederation" mentioned in the warrant, were the ones adopted by the Continental Congress, Nov. 15th, 1777. Thirteen states took part in the "confederation," which was to be thenceforth styled "The United States of America."

At the annual town-meeting held March 4th, Samuel Hildreth, Lieut. Moses Smith, Abner Johnson, Capt. Kimball Carlton and Capt. Jacob Hinds were elected selectmen. It was also voted that each inhabitant of the town should pay his proportion of the expenses of the war.

On the 26th of February, a resolution was passed by the House, instructing the President of the Council to issue a precept to every town, parish and district in the State, recommending them to elect one or more persons to attend a convention at Concord, on the 10th day of June following, in order to agree upon some system or form of government for the State. At a town-meeting held in accordance with the above-mentioned precept, on the 21st of April, it was voted not to send a delegate to the convention; also, "not to raise money to hire continental men."

There is no record of another town-meeting, this year, till the

3d day of December, at which time one was held for the purpose of choosing a representative. Michael Cressey was again elected to represent the town in the General Assembly.

The annual town-meeting for 1779 was held on the 3d day of March. Capt. Hildreth, Lieut. Cobleigh and Warren Snow were elected selectmen. It was voted to raise 1500 *pounds** to be laid out on the highways; and to allow each man *three pounds* per day for his labor on the same. This comparatively enormous sum was raised, apparently, in order to make allowance for the great depreciation (or "under vallument," as it was called by Fairbanks and Rockwood in their address, in '77) of the paper currency.

May 31st, another town-meeting was held, at which Dr. Barnard was chosen to serve as justice of the peace, and the selectmen were directed to inform the General Court of the choice that had been made.

The convention that had assembled at Concord for the purpose of agreeing upon a plan of government for the State, drew up one and sent it to the people for rejection or approval. Accordingly, a town-meeting was held Aug. 16, at which this plan of government was taken into consideration. The record states that it was rejected "by the number of 52 which were all [that were] then present"

On the 18th of November there was another meeting. In the warrant were the two following articles: "To see if the inhabitants will come into a method of bearing an equal proportion in the present war, since it has begun, according to their polls and estates." "To see if the town for the future will raise the men by a tax, when called for." On this latter article, the vote was in the negative; but no action relative to the former was recorded.

At a meeting held December 7th, another attempt was made to obtain definite action upon an article similar to the one upon which no action was recorded as having been taken at the preceding meeting. It was voted to omit the article. At this meeting, Nathaniel Bingham was chosen to represent Chesterfield and Hinsdale in the General Court.

The annual town-meeting for 1780, was held on the first day of March. After the town officers had been chosen, the meeting was adjourned to the 16th of the same month. The inhabitants having

*The pound, N. E. currency, equaled \$3.33 1-3.

met again, agreeably to adjournment, all the former votes were re-considered, except that for moderator, and the town officers all chosen anew. Lieut. Michael Cressey, Lieut. Elisha Rockwood and Ensign Andrew Hastings were elected selectmen. The meeting was again adjourned to the 23d; but no business of much importance was transacted at the last adjourned meeting.

On the first day of May another meeting was held, at which it was voted to raise 8,000 *pounds* to be laid out on the highways. Each man was to be allowed 12 *pounds* per day for his own labor, and 7 pounds and 4 shillings for the use of a yoke of oxen! By comparing this enormous sum with what was usually raised for the highways before the currency had depreciated, we can get a tolerably clear notion of the comparative worthlessness of the paper currency at that time; for there was nothing in the condition of the highways themselves, that called for the outlay of so large a sum. The bills of credit issued by the State Government, could not be redeemed except by taxation. They were, moreover, extensively counterfeited. In 1776, a law was passed in New Hampshire to make these bills legal tender, and if a creditor refused to take them, the debt was regarded as cancelled. At the meeting held May 1st, it was also voted to make the Rev. Mr. Wood's salary "adequate in value to their contract with him, for the present year."

September 1st, there was another town-meeting, at which it was voted "to proportion the beef cattle in and among the people, for the commissary of this State, and to give six continental dollars per pound for beef." It was also voted to allow horse-sheds to be built along the north side of the common, near the meeting-house.

On the 10th day of November, Michael Cressey and Elisha Rockwood issued a call to the inhabitants of the town, to meet on the Monday following, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to choose a delegate or delegates to attend a convention at Walpole, on Wednesday, the 15th of the same month; at which time the delegates from various towns in the county were "to consult on political matters respecting the county in particular and the State in general." Lieut. Cressey and Ebenezer Harvey were elected delegates to represent Chesterfield in the proposed convention.

The last town-meeting of the year 1780, was held December 8th. At this meeting it was voted not to choose a representative to the

General Court, and not to vote for councillors. A committee that had been chosen at the meeting held the first day of May, to consult with Rev. Mr. Wood respecting his salary for the year 1780, reported at this meeting. The following is an extract from their report: "He [Mr. Wood] made the following proposals: That he will throw in a penny upon every shilling to all who settle their rates between this day and the first of March next, whether it be in hard money or species, the species to bear the following prices: wheat at 4s. 8d. per bushel; rye at 3s. 4d. per bushel; corn at 2s. 8d. per bushel, and other things in the same proportion. But if any part remains not paid by the first of March next, for such a part the penny is not to be reduced." This report was accepted, and the constable was directed to collect the rates in accordance therewith.

The year *one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one* will ever be memorable in the annals of Chesterfield, on account of the excitement and strife that existed within its borders, arising from what is known in the history of New Hampshire, Vermont and New York as the "Controversy about the New Hampshire Grants." In order to understand properly the part which this town took in the great controversy, it will be necessary to consider briefly the circumstances that brought it about.

On the 18th of September, 1679, the King decreed that New Hampshire should be separated from Massachusetts and made a royal province by itself. There having been much controversy with regard to the line separating the two provinces, the royal government decided "that the northern boundary of the Province of Massachusetts be a similar curve line pursuing the course of Merrimac river at three miles distance, on the north side thereof, beginning at the Atlantic ocean and ending at a point due north of Pawtucket Falls; and a straight line drawn from thence due west, till it meets with his Majesty's other governments." This decision was made in 1740. The line was run by three surveyors, who had been appointed by the New Hampshire Assembly for that purpose, in the months of February and March, 1741. Ten degrees were allowed for the westerly variation of the needle. The line between the two Provinces having been thus established, the government of New Hampshire claimed that its territory extended as far westward

as that of Massachusetts, thus embracing the greater portion of what is now the State of Vermont. On the other hand, the government of New York claimed jurisdiction as far eastward as the Connecticut river, by virtue of a grant from Charles the Second to the Duke of York. 1674. In spite of the claim set up by New York, Governor Benning Wentworth continued to grant townships west of the Connecticut, having made, up to 1764, inclusive, about 129 grants, including Brattleborough, Bennington and many other now important towns of Vermont. These were known as the *New Hampshire Grants*. The inhabitants of these grants having suffered much from the interference of New York with the claims of New Hampshire, at length declared themselves to be a free and independent State, January, 1777.

On the 11th of March, 1778, sixteen towns on the *east* side of the Connecticut, petitioned the Assembly of the new State, which had assumed the name of "Vermont," to be united with that State. They were admitted in June following, in accordance with their petition, and their representatives attended the next session of the Assembly at Windsor; but, as the Assembly refused to constitute a new county of these sixteen towns, or to allow them to unite with Vermont counties already established, their representatives withdrew. The towns that made this attempt to unite with Vermont were Cornish, Lebanon, Enfield, Dresden, Canaan, Cardigan, Orford, Lyme, Piermont, Haverhill, Bath, Lyman, Gunthwaite, Apthorp, Landaff and Morristown. This attempt to form a union with Vermont having failed, another convention of delegates from twenty-two towns on *both* sides of the Connecticut, met at Cornish on the 9th of December. This convention resolved either to agree with New Hampshire on a dividing line, or to submit the dispute to Congress or arbitration; in other words, the towns represented in this convention, resolved to unite "to pursue such legal and regular measures," without regard to any former limits, as would tend to secure to the Grants a satisfactory form of government.

About the same time, Massachusetts laid claim to a portion of the disputed territory, a circumstance that rendered the controversy still more complicated. At last, New York and New Hampshire made application to Congress to take the whole controversy into

consideration. Vermont, adopting the same tactics as her opponents, now laid claim to a part of New Hampshire, being encouraged in so doing by the desire of so many towns on the east side of Connecticut river to unite with those on the west side.

It has already been stated that Michael Cressey and Ebenezer Harvey were chosen delegates, at a meeting of the inhabitants of Chesterfield, held on Monday, the 13th of November, 1780, to attend a convention at Walpole, on the 15th of the same month. This convention was in favor of maintaining the union of the Grants on both sides of the river, and recommended "as the only means to obtain an union, preserve peace, harmony and brotherly love, and the interest of the community in general, that a convention be called from every town within the said grants, to be held at Charlestown on the third Tuesday of January next, at one of the clock in the afternoon, &c."

The first town-meeting of the year 1781 was held January 11. At this meeting it was voted not to send a delegate to the convention that was to meet at Charlestown, on the 16th of the same month. It was also voted that Rev. Mr. Wood's rates for the year 1779 should be assessed in the same manner as were those for the year 1780.

The convention that met at Charlestown, on the 16th of January, passed resolutions maintaining the right of union for the Grants, on both sides of the Connecticut, and adjourned to meet at Cornish, on the first Wednesday in the following February. A minority of delegates protested, however, against the proceedings of the convention. Another perplexing question in connection with this great controversy was: How far to the east of Connecticut river did the Grants extend? It is necessary, in order to understand this question, to keep in mind the fact that, when New Hampshire was originally granted to Capt. John Mason, in 1629, it did not extend as far westward as the Connecticut. The exact determination of the western boundary of the "Masonian Grant" was a very difficult matter; in fact, it was a disputed point whether the line should be *straight* or *curved*. The Legislature of New Hampshire finally determined, in 1787, that the western boundary of the original Masonian Grant should be a straight line,

and ordered a survey of the same to be made. This line, according to Dr. Belknap, begins at Lot No. 18, in the town of Rindge, and runs north-easterly to the town of Ossipee. All grants, then, to the west of this line, that were made by New Hampshire, would properly be called the *New Hampshire Grants*, whether they lay on the east or west side of the Connecticut.

On the 5th of February, another town-meeting was held, to see if the town would choose one or more delegates to attend the convention at Cornish. It was voted in the negative.

At a meeting held the 16th of the same month, to see what method the town would adopt to raise its quota of men for the army, according to an act of the General Court, it was voted to take no measures for furnishing its quota.

The annual town-meeting for 1781 was held March 7. After a part of the business had been transacted, the meeting was adjourned to the 14th of the same month, when Moses Smith, Jr., Abner Johnson and Capt. Samuel King were elected selectmen. The subject of raising men for the Continental army was again taken into consideration, but it was voted to make no provisions for raising the town's quota.

The convention of delegates from the towns on the east side of Connecticut river, that were determined to maintain the union of the Grants, met at Cornish, agreeably to adjournment, on the 8th of February. The Assembly of Vermont, which was then sitting at Windsor, was immediately notified that the convention were desirous of being united with that State "in one separate, independent government, upon such principles as shall be mutually thought the most equitable and beneficial for the whole." Terms of union were then agreed upon by the Assembly and convention, which were, in substance, as follows: The constitution of Vermont was to remain unchanged, till altered in a manner provided in the same; as soon as circumstances should permit, the Legislature of Vermont should make application for admission into the Confederation, and the question of disputed boundaries was to be settled by Congress, if the State was admitted; the losses and expenses of the towns on both sides of the river, that had been caused by the war, were to be adjusted as equitably as possible; an act of

amnesty was to be passed by the Legislature, for all who had trespassed against the State, under the pretense of being subjects of New York; and finally, it was provided that the terms of union should be ratified by two-thirds of the towns in Vermont, and by two-thirds of the towns on the east side of Connecticut river, lying between the same and a line about twenty miles east of it. The terms of union having been mutually ratified by the Assembly and convention, both bodies adjourned, to meet again at Windsor and Cornish, respectively, on the 5th day of the next April.

Two, at least, of the board of selectmen of Chesterfield chosen at the annual meeting, namely, Samuel King and Moses Smith, Jr., belonged to what may be called the "Vermont party." By them a town-meeting was called to be held on Thursday, March 29th, in the name of the "Government and Good People of the New Hampshire Grants." The second article in the warrant was, "To see if the town will agree to establish or accept of the Union agreed upon between the Legislature of the State of Vermont and the Committee of the New Hampshire Grants, held at Windsor, in February, 1781." The third article was, "To choose one or more members to sit in the Assembly of Vermont, on the first Wednesday of April next, in case the Union takes place, or in the Convention at Cornish, on the aforesaid day, as the circumstances may require." At the meeting which was held at the time above stated, Samuel King was chosen moderator. It was voted to accept the terms of union, and Dea. Silas Thompson and Samuel King were chosen members of the Assembly, according to the article in the warrant, quoted above. The number of votes for the union was 90; against, 32. When the returns from the towns east of the river had been examined by the convention at Cornish, on the 5th of April, it was found that the following towns had accepted the terms of union with Vermont:

Hinsdale,	Surry,	Gilsum,
Charlestown,	Acworth,	Lempster,
Claremont,	Newport,	Cornish,
Plainfield,	Grantham,	Marlow,
Grafton,	Dresden,	Hanover,
Lyme,	Dorchester,	Haverhill,
Gunthwait,	Lancaster,	Piermont,

Chesterfield,	Westmoreland,	Bath,
Alstead,	Saville,	Croydon,
Lebanon,	Cardigan,	Landaff,
Richmond,	Lyman,	Lincoln,

Morristown (now Franconia.)

No returns were received from any towns on the east side of the river, refusing to accept the union.

The following towns in Vermont, however, disapproved of the union: Bennington, Manchester, Clarendon, Dummerston, Londonderry, Woodstock and Hertford. Thirty-six Vermont towns having voted in favor of union, the convention was notified to that effect, and informed that the Assembly would receive the members returned from towns on the east side of the river, at 9 o'clock A. M., the next day. Accordingly the new members presented their credentials, and took the oath necessary to qualify them for holding seats in the House of Representatives of Vermont.

On the 2nd day of May another town-meeting was held, which, as the record states, was called "agreeable to the order of the State of Vermont." Capt. King was moderator of this meeting, and Ephraim Baldwin was chosen town-clerk. Sixty-nine men then took the oath prescribed by the law of Vermont, and proceeded to vote for chief-judge, assistant judges, high-sheriff, judge of probate and justices of the peace, all for the "County of Washington in the State of Vermont." "Washington county" was regarded as embracing Cheshire county, the name having been changed after the union had been effected. Among the sixty-nine persons who took the oath above mentioned, were Ebenezer Harvey, Ebenezer Fletcher, Amos Davis, Silas Thompson, Jonathan Farr, 4th, Oliver Cobleigh, Abel Ray, Jonathan Davis, Ebenezer Streeter, Caleb Johnson, Warren Snow, Daniel Colburn, Zerubbabel Snow, Jonas Davis, Samuel Hildreth, Benjamin Streeter, Nathaniel Walton, Samuel Davis, Eleazer Randall, Benjamin Smith, Aaron Fisk, James Wheeler, Jr., and Phinehas Fullam.

Another meeting was held the 14th of the same month, which had been called "in the name of the freemen of Vermont." Samuel King was also moderator of this meeting. Five "listers" and twelve petit-jurors were chosen, and some other business done. Several more "freemen" were sworn in, among them, Joshua Tyler,

Moses Smith, (Jr.), Esq., William Farr, Ephraim Baldwin and Samuel Stearns.

The town was now completely in the possession of the Vermont party, and remained so during the rest of the year. All records made in the town-books, were made in the name of Vermont. In one instance, in the record of a deed, Chesterfield is located in *two* counties, Cheshire and Washington!

It must not be supposed, however, that the adherents of New Hampshire were doing nothing to check the proceedings of the Vermont party. On the contrary, the latter were meeting with a strong opposition. Party spirit ran very high, and from all that can be learned about this period of the town's history, it appears that society was in a very disturbed condition.

There is no record of what took place in the town between the 14th of May and the 25th of August; but, under the latter date, there is a memorial to the Council and House of Representatives of New Hampshire, drawn up by Nathaniel Bingham, Michael Cressey, William Lee and James Robertson.

THE MEMORIAL.

"The Memorial of Nathaniel Bingham, Michael Cressey, William Lee and James Robertson:

Gentlemen—It is with the utmost Regret that we make mention of the Deporable Situation into which we are fallen by the madness and folly of many of our People in these parts, in thinking to Revolt from the State of New Hampshire, in such an unjust and unrighteous a manner as has been attempted. Your honors are sensible that our Confusion is great, and that it is very Difficult to know what to Do at a time of such Disorder. We know it has been commonly Reported that this Town has Refused all orders from the State of New Hampshire, and that they are unanimous in the Revolt from you; Altho' there is a considerable Number of faithful friends to you among us who have used their utmost Endeavours to Pacify the People, and to make them sensible of their folly in such Proceedings; but being so unhappy as to have the most of our town and Military officers on that side of the Question, were not able to stop their Proceedings as a town. Nevertheless, we have the happiness to inform your Honors that on a motion made to know how many of the Inhabitants Disapprove of the measures taken, Eighty of the Inhabitants, namely—

Nath'l Bingham,
Mich'l Cressey,
William Lee,
James Robertson,

Phineas Brown,
Elisha Rockwood,
Theodorus Bingham,
Will'm Symonds,

Sam'l Nichols,
 Henry Cressey,
 Tho's Harris,
 Tho's Chamberlain,
 John Darling,
 Eben'r Safford,
 Nathan Thomas,
 Josiah Hastings,
 Noah Emmons,
 Jon'a Farr, 2nd,
 John Cobleigh,
 Oliver Brigham,
 Jon'a Cressey,
 Jon'a Cressey, Jr.,
 William Colburn,
 Joseph Titus,
 Eleazer Stoddard,
 Peter Wheeler,
 Jon'a Farwell,
 Benj'a Farwell,
 Will'm Read,
 Amos Blodget,
 Levi Farwell,
 Oliver Farwell,
 Will'm Farwell,
 Elisha Walton,
 Sam'l Walker,
 Silas Richardson,
 Josiah Gates,
 Philip Lock,
 Eliphalet Wood,
 Ezekiel Davis,
 John Pierce,
 Jon'a Hutchins,
 Arthur Latham,
 Jacob Winslow,

Moses Gary,
 Jewet Darling,
 Will'm Dodge,
 Ephr'm Russell,
 Benja. Colburn,
 Joseph Prentice,
 Abner Harris, Jr.,
 Israel Johnson,
 Andrew Hastings,
 Lemuel Stoddard,
 Moses Cressey,
 Zadock Barrett,
 Joseph Wheeler,
 Amos Streeter,
 Benj'a Wheeler,
 Claron Smith,
 Isaac Barrett,
 Tho's Holmes,
 Moses Smith,
 Archibald Robertson,
 Will'm Robertson,
 Joel Streeter,
 Joseph Hartwell,
 Abraham Stearns,
 Abner Albee,
 Increase Daniels,
 John Daniels,
 John Grandy,
 Will'm Kimball,
 Benj'a Parker,
 Adam Bartlet,
 Zadock Bartlet,
 John Grandy, Jr.,
 Parker Grandy,
 Eli Partridge,
 Eleazer Jackson,

voluntarily signed the following declaration, declaring it to be their real Sentiments, viz. :

That, Whereas it has been Reported that the People in Chesterfield are Unanimously agreed in the Union taking place Between the State of Vermont and the Grants on this side of the River, this is to acquaint the world that we, whose Names are under written are of opinion that the measures already taken are Illegal and unjust as they are conducted, and we are altogether against those measures, unless they are carried on with more general Satisfaction to the United States and to the State of Newhampshire in Particular,

whose subjects we profess to be till we are Legally set of by the United States.
Chesterfield, August 23d, 1781.

And whereas there are many Illegal and unjust measures carrying on against the friends of Newhampshire and Safety to the State as we judge,—we are therefore at loss to know what to Do; our Eyes are therefore unto you as our Patrons, Confiding Entirely in your wisdom to Direct us in our Duty. We therefore beg your advice and Protection, and Conclude by subscribing ourselves your Loyal and affectionate subjects,

NATH'L BINGHAM,
MICHAEL CRESEY,
WILLIAM LEE,
JAMES ROBERTSON.

Chesterfield, August 25th, 1781."

What action the General Court took with regard to the above memorial, is not apparent. The State authorities seem not to have taken any very decisive measures respecting the towns that had seceded, but to have been awaiting the action of Congress, to which body, as has already been stated, application had been made to settle the controversy. On the 7th of August, Congress passed a resolution to the effect that a committee of five should be appointed "to confer with such person or persons as may be appointed by the people residing on the New Hampshire Grants, on the West side of Connecticut River, or by their representative body, respecting their claim to be an independent State, etc." It was recommended, in this resolution, to the people occupying the territory above-named, to appoint an agent or agents, to go immediately to Philadelphia, with full powers to confer with the committee appointed by Congress.

The following extract from the proceedings of a meeting of persons from ten towns in Cheshire county, one of them being Chesterfield, will serve to show how the resolution of Congress relating to the dispute, was received by the adherents of Vermont on the east side of the river: "It was very unanimously agreed by the persons convened as aforesaid, that some person be appointed to wait on the Hon'ble Committee of Safety at Exeter, as soon as possible, and to lay before them the State of this County respecting the aforesaid dispute, and in particular that those persons who adhere to the late unhappy union of the New Hampshire Grants, are either Ignorantly or Willfully blinded in regard to the construction

they put upon the Resolves of the Hon'ble Congress of the 7th and 8th of August last, which serves in some towns to confirm some Persons, who are for the Union, in their former opinion, and some who were not fully Established have (by some means or other, since the said Resolve became Publick) consented to the union; and some who are attached to New Hampshire, say the Congress have not determined whether we shall belong to Vermont or not. * * * * " The meeting, from the proceedings of which the above extract is made, was held at Keene, Sept. 21, 1781.

Congress at last decided, as an indispensable preliminary to the recognition of the independence of Vermont, that that State should abandon all claims to lands on the east side of the Connecticut, and should be limited on the west by a line running from the north-west corner of Massachusetts, twenty miles east of Hudson river, to Lake Champlain. To this condition the Vermont Assembly was unwilling to accede, and resolved to maintain inviolate the "Articles of Union."

Affairs had now arrived at a crisis. Frequent conflicts of authority took place between Vermont and New Hampshire officials, and one that occurred in November of this year came near ending in the shedding of blood. On the night of November 5th, Samuel Davis, of Chesterfield, acting as constable under the authority of Vermont, attempted to serve a "precept" upon James Robertson. Dr. Belknap says that the precept, or writ, was in an action of debt. Robertson happened to be, at the time, in the house of Nathaniel Bingham, who lived a short distance north of the Centre Village, on what is now known as "Wetherbee Hill." Davis was resisted, and at last was obliged to withdraw without effecting the object of his visit. Soon after this affair, Davis made the following complaint against John Grandy, Jr., who was also present when he tried to serve his writ:

"To the Hon. Sam'l King, Esqr., justice of the peace, Complains Sam'l Davis, that on the Night of the 5th of Nov'r Instant, being in the house of Nathaniel Bingham in the Execution of his office as Constable, in attempting to serve a precept upon James Robertson,—that John Grandy did by force and arms oppose him, the s'd Sam'l Davis, and Did Not Suffer him to make his service; all

which is against the peace and Dignity of this State: this is therefore to pray your hon'r to grant a warrant to apprehend the s'd Grandy so that he may be Done with as Law and Justice Doth thereunto appertain, as in Duty Bound your complainant in Duty Bound shall Ever pray."

SAM'L DAVIS, Cons.

Thereupon, Samuel King issued a warrant for the arrest of Grandy and his committal to the jail at Charlestown. This warrant was as follows:

"STATE OF VERMONT,) Whereas John Grandy, jun'r of Chester-
WASHINGTON SS.) feald in said County was Conveaned before
me Samuel King Esquear one of the Justis of the pease for said Countey,
for Impeading and hindring one Sam. Davis Constable of said Chesterfeald
Executing his ofis and I proceed to Examin into the matar, the offence ap-
peared to me with its Aggravetison to be so notorious and horid that I ordareed
the offendar to be bound to the Neaxt Countey Cort; and the said John did
refuse to get Bondsman for his appearans at said Cort.

To the Sherif of said County, his Deputy or Eyther of the Constables of the town of Chesterfield, in the name and by the Authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, you are hereby Required to take the body of John Grandy, jun'r, of said Chesterfield, if he may be found within your Precinct, and him Commit to the Common Gaol in Charlestown in said County, within his said Prison, and our said Sherif or Gaol Keeper is hereby required to keep the said John till he be had before our Justices of our next County Cort to be holden in said County. Hereof fail not, as you will answer on your peril. Given under my hand at Chesterfield, this 12th day of November, 1781.

SAMUEL KING, Justice of the peace.

Attest—Isaac Griswold, Dept. Sherif.

A warrant was issued the same day for the arrest of Bingham, by Moses Smith, (Jr.), who was also a justice of the peace commissioned by Vermont.

STATE OF VERMONT,)
WASHINGTON, SS.) Whereas Nathaniel Bingham was convented
before me, Moses Smith, Justice peace within and for the County of Wash-
ington, for impending and hindring, as well as opposing an officer in the Ex-
ecution of his office in Chesterfield in the County aforesaid, I thereupon hav-
ing taken Into consideration the case aforesaid do adjudge that the said Na-
thaniel find sureties to the next County Cort of Common Pleas, to be holden
in this County, in the sum of five hundred Pounds Lawfull money, for his
appearance at said [court]: These are therefore in the name and By the
authority of the freemen of the State of Vermont, to command you, the
Sheriff, under sheriff or Deputy or Gaoler of the County aforesaid, to Recive

the Body of the said Nathaniel and him keep and have in the Gaol of our said County untill he may be had before the Justices of our County Cort or Cort of Common Pleas, next to be holden at Charlestown, within the County aforesaid. Hereof fail not at your perril. Given under my hand this 12th day of November, A. D. 1781. MOSES SMITH, Justice of the Peace.

Attest—Isaac Griswold, Dep't. Sherif.

The complaint against Mr. Bingham was "that on the aboves'd night, s'd Bingham did by force and arms oppose the s'd Davice, and ordered him to depart his house, and told him that none of his precepts should be served in his house." It appears that Bingham and Grandy both refused to get bondsmen, preferring to go to jail. About the same time, a complaint was made against Lieut. [William] Lee, in which he was charged "with threatening to take the life of the said Samuel Davis; whereupon a warrant is issued and orders given to break up any house where the said Lee may be found." From the last clause of this extract, it is evident that the Vermont party were thoroughly in earnest. However, it is not known that Lee was actually arrested. After Bingham and Grandy had been lodged in jail at Charlestown, they sent the following petition to the General Court of New Hampshire: "To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly now sitting at Exeter: The petition of Nathaniel Bingham and John Grandy, Jun., of Chesterfield in said County, *Humbly shews*—That your Petitioners are now confined in the Gaol in Charlestown in said County by two several Mittimuses, the one signed by Samuel King, the other by Moses Smith of Chesterfield aforesaid, for the supposed crime of opposing a Constable acting under the authority of the State of Vermont in said Chesterfield, as by the copies of the Mittimuses herewith transmitted will appear. How far we are justly chargeable with the *fact* of opposing the said Constable (for we suppose it to be no *crime*) your Honors will be able to judge from an impartial account of our conduct, presented by the Bearer. The pain we feel from our disagreeable confinement, induces us to trouble the Assembly with this Petition, not doubting but they will grant us such relief as on full consideration of our case shall be tho't expedient; and as in duty bound shall ever pray

NATH'L BINGHAM,
JOHN GRANDY, Jun'r.

Charlestown, Nov'r ye 16th, 1781."

At the same time, Bingham transmitted to the speaker of the House of Representatives this statement: "As the Town of Chesterfield in the County of Cheshire has been some time destitute of any officers either civil or military who would act under the authority of New Hampshire, we were advised by some of the principal Persons in the County to nominate one or two persons as Justices of the peace and return their names to the Assembly to be commissioned if they tho't proper. We were accordingly assembled for that purpose at my House in said Chesterfield on the evening of the sixth of November Instant. About 8 o'clock in the evening Samuel Davis of Chesterfield aforesaid, who was legally appointed and sworn as Constable for said Town for the present year, but has since taken another oath as Constable for said Town under the authority of the State of Vermont, under which authority *only* he will act—came in with five others, and after some conversation took a book from under his coat, which I suppose to contain the Laws of Vermont, and said he would be glad to read a paragraph in it. I told him I did not choose to have him read any of the Acts or Laws of Vermont there, and forbade his doing it, and desired him to withdraw, for he interrupted us; and some one in the company said if he read any riot act there it would be kicked into the fire; after some other conversation he put up his book, and said he had a Precept against one of the Company, and I forbade his reading any Precept under Vermont in my house,—on which he and his attendants left us. On the twelfth of Nov'r ins't, I was taken by a warrant signed by Moses Smith, directed to the Sheriff of the County of Washington, and was carried before the said Smith, and sentenced as set forth in the Mittimus, and kept in close confinement untill the afternoon of the 13th instant; then conveyed to the north part of Walpole, and the next day committed to this Gaol with John Grandy, jun'r, who is in the same situation with myself, except that he was committed by Samuel King. The above is a true state of facts, which I beg leave humbly to submit to the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire.

NATHANIEL BINGHAM.

Charlestown, Nov'r ye 16th, 1781.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives."

It will be observed that Davis gave the date of the attempted

arrest of Robertson as the *fifth* of November, and Bingham the *sixth*. It has not been ascertained which of these dates is the correct one. The above petition and statement having been received by the New Hampshire Assembly, an act was passed by the House, on the 27th of November, authorizing the sheriff of Cheshire county to release all persons confined in the jail at Charlestown by authority of Vermont. The sheriff was empowered to call upon the sheriff of any county, or even upon the sheriffs of all the other counties in the State, for assistance; and, if necessary, to call to his aid any military officer of the State, and his troops.

Armed with this act, Col. Enoch Hale, of Rindge, sheriff of Cheshire county, proceeded immediately to Charlestown in order to release Bingham and Grandy. The jailer, Isaac Ely, not only refused to deliver the prisoners, but at once made a complaint against Col. Hale, charging him with an attempt to break the jail, with intent to release Bingham and Grandy. The 29th of November, Hale was brought before justices Benj. Giles, Nath'l S. Prentice and Elijah Bingham, for examination. These justices declared that the fact of his attempting to break the jail was fully proved, and ordered him to recognize for his appearance at the next county court, in the sum of five hundred pounds, or stand committed. Hale having refused to recognize, he was committed to the Charlestown jail by Isaac Griswold, a deputy sheriff for the new county.

The same day, Gen. Bellows, of Walpole, sent a letter to Meshech Weare, president of the New Hampshire Council, informing him of the imprisonment of the Cheshire sheriff, and urging the necessity of taking immediate measures to carry out the orders of the State. "Something effectual must be done," wrote the General; "dallying will not answer, and unless some force can be obtained from without the County of Cheshire, it will not be advisable to dispute the ground any longer."

The Vermont authorities were now afraid that an attempt would be made, on the part of New Hampshire, to accomplish by military force what the Cheshire sheriff had failed to do. Accordingly, William Page, sheriff of the new county of Washington, sent a letter to Samuel King of this town, who was serving the State of Vermont as colonel of a regiment of militia, requesting him to hold his regiment in readiness to march "on the shortest notice." The

date of this letter was Dec. 1st, 1781. Soon after receiving Sheriff Page's letter, Col. King transmitted it to Col. Chamberlain, probably of Westmoreland, together with one written by himself. Col. King's letter was as follows: "To Col. Chamberlain: I shall transmit to you a copy of an Express I Rec'd Sabbath day night from the Sheriff of this county. Therefore, Sir, I would desire you to Favor the Captains in your Town with a copy of this [Page's letter], or with this, and Exert yourself that the men may all be Ready to march at the shortest notice, and Doubt not your nor the Captains' Exertions on such an Important matter and critical time as I view this to be, and wish they may universally turn out in Defence of so just a cause. So I remain your most obedient servant,

SAMUEL KING, Colo.

Decem'r 3d, 1781.

To Colo. Chamberlain, Capt. Franklin, Capt. Cole and Capt. Butterfield.*

P. S. I have sent this Day to the other Towns in the Regiment Simelar Letters to this."

Notices were also sent to various other officers in the interest of Vermont, to hold their men in readiness to meet the force which it was anticipated that the government of New Hampshire was going to send into the western part of the State. Col. Samuel King was particularly zealous in the support of the cause of the Grants, and ready to fight, if necessary. The following letter from Michael Cressey to Gen. Bellows, gives us some insight into the state of affairs in Chesterfield at that time: "*Sir*—I Beg the Leave to inform your Hon'r that the Pertened Coll. King has sent out, By order as I am informed from Doc. Page, to Raise his Rige'mt to oppose New Hampshire, and that he Called the militia of this Town together yesterday to see who would fight against New Hampshire, and that as I am Credably informed there was about Sixty turned out as Vollenters for that Purpose and the sed King Urged them in the Strongest terms to Stand By one another and by thire

*There appears to be no doubt that all these officers belonged to Westmoreland. Col. Chamberlain's Christian name has not, however, been ascertained. Capt. [Nathan] Franklin died in that town. Capt. [John] Cole removed to Londonderry, Vt., where he died. Capt. Butterfield was probably Jonas Butterfield, who had been a lieutenant in Major Whitcomb's Rangers.

officers for thire Rights against the State of New Hampshire, assuring them if they stood firm New Hampshire would not fight; it is also reported that he sent over to Capt. Sarjants at Brattilbrough to assist, but what return unknown. Sir, I thought Proper to inform you of these movements and I Pray Heaven to give both you and the State of New Hampshire wisdom to conduct matters wisely at such a Critical day as this. From your most obedient and Humble Sarv't,

MICHAEL CRESEY.

Chesterfield, Dec'ber ye 5th, 1781.

To Gen'al Bellows."

In the meantime, the New Hampshire authorities were not idle. On the 5th day of December, the Committee of Safety, at Exeter, issued an order to Moses Kelley, sheriff of Hillsborough county, to raise the body of his county, for the purpose of releasing the prisoners in the jail at Charlestown, or any other place within the State, who had been committed by authority of Vermont. Sheriff Kelley was also directed to call to his aid all the militia necessary to effect the liberation of said prisoners, and Gen. Moses Nichols and Gen. Bellows were ordered to be ready to furnish a sufficient number of men, completely armed, and supplied with ammunitiion, as soon as possible, if called upon by Sheriff Kelley to do so. Besides liberating the prisoners, Kelley was to apprehend the following persons: Benjamin Giles, Esq., of Newport; Nathaniel Sartel Prentice, Esq., of Alstead; Samuel King and Moses Smith, Jr., of Chesterfield; Page and Ely, of Charlestown; and Isaac Griswold, of Keene.

As has already been learned, Giles and Prentice were two of the three justices who ordered the committal of Sheriff Hale, and Griswold was the sheriff who executed the order.

Gov. Chittenden of Vermont having been informed of the measures taken by New Hampshire to maintain its jurisdiction over the seceded towns, sent an order to Gen. Elisha Payne to call out such military forces as would be necessary to assist the sheriff of Washington county in the execution of the laws, *provided* New Hampshire insisted upon hostile measures. Gov. Chittenden concluded as follows: "* * *" and provided New Hampshire make an attack with an armed *force*, you are hereby ordered to repel force by force; and in the meantime you will use every means in your power, consistent with the peace, happiness and dignity of this

State, to prevent the Effusion of human Blood, which at this time might be more or less injurious to the common cause of America, as well as attended with many other serious considerations; and which I pray God may never take place."

This order bore the date of Dec. 15, (1781). Gen. Payne sent a copy of this order to President Weare of the Council, at the same time proposing measures for an amicable settlement of the difficulties. December 21st, Gen. Roger Enos and William Page, sheriff of the new county of Washington, were authorized to go to Exeter in order to use their endeavors to bring about a settlement of the dispute between the two States. They were to act in conjunction with Col. Ira Allen, who had been already appointed by the Governor of Vermont for that purpose.

When Page arrived at Exeter, he was seized by the New Hampshire authorities, and imprisoned. Enos and Allen, notwithstanding the arrest of Page, signified their desire to enter upon the business for which they had been commissioned.

The persons for whose arrest orders had been given by the Committee of Safety, Dec. 5, not having been apprehended, orders were issued anew, the 27th of the same month, to Jonathan Martin, of Wilton, to apprehend Samuel King, gentleman, and Moses Smith (Jr.), yeoman, both of Chesterfield; also Isaac Griswold, yeoman, of Keene, and Nathaniel Sartel Prentice, Esq., of Alstead. All the civil and military officers of the State were required "to aid and assist in the premises." Special Sheriff Robert Smith soon had possession of King, and started with him for Exeter; but he had got no farther than Keene, when he was set upon by a party of anti-New Hampshire men, who rescued King. Sheriff Smith thereupon issued the following advertisement: "Four Hundred Silver Dollars Reward To any Person or Persons that Brings Samuel King of Chesterfield to Exeter in the State of Newhampshier & there Confine Him in Gaol, or Have Him the said King Before the Committee of Safety of s'd State; As said Sam'l King was taken Prisoner By Vertue of a Warrant to the Subscriber Deredted & Conducted under a Proper Guard Twenty Miles, s'd King at the Town of Keen By a Number of Men Armed w'h Clubs, Sword and Staves, w'h Captains Farebanks, Davis, Pratt, Pomeroy & Harvie of Chesterfield at their Head & Capt. Carslil of Westmoreland w'h

a Small Partie—which Parties Did on the Morning of the first Day of Jan. 1782 By Voilance Ressque the said Samuel King Prisoner from

ROBERT SMITH, Special Sherif."

The fact that King had been conducted twenty miles, and was rescued in the town of Keene, renders it highly probable that he was not arrested in Chesterfield. A few days after this occurrence (probably on the 7th of the same month) Sheriff Smith made the following return: "Pursuant to the within Warrant I have apprehended the body of the within named Samuel King, Gentle'n, who was rescued; the others are not found." From this it seems that King was soon re-arrested; but the writer has not been able to learn anything concerning his trial. It is certain, however, that he was soon taking part in town affairs again. A reward was also offered for the arrest of Griswold and Moses Smith (Jr.); but it has not been ascertained whether they were apprehended or not.

On the first day of January, 1782, at midnight, Captain Joseph Burt, of Westmoreland, wrote a letter to President Weare, in which he gave an account of affairs taking place in Chesterfield, and prayed that something might be done for the relief of those who were still loyal to the State. According to Capt. Burt's statement, the party that had rescued King, the morning of the first of January, returned to Chesterfield and arrested Lieut. [James] Robertson, whom they were disposed "to treat according to the custom of Vermont, that is, by whipping him." But it was very uncertain in Capt. Burt's mind, whether they would really venture to do so. His informant was Mr. Bingham's son, who stated that a number of others had been driven away from their homes that cold night, by the riotous Vermont men. He himself had gone to Westmoreland to seek refuge. Capt. Burt added: "The triumphs of the Vermonts are great, and [they] say that New Hampshire dare not come like men, in the day-time, but like a thief, and steal a man or two away."

The next day (Jan. 2), Gen. Bellows also sent a letter to President Weare, depicting in very vigorous language the unhappy condition of affairs in Chesterfield. After referring to the rescuing of King, the General said: "Upon the return of the Mob, after proper refreshment at said King's, they sought for all those Persons who were any way concerned in assisting the aforesaid officer [Sheriff

Smith], some of which they got into their hands and have abused in a shameful and barbarous manner by Striking, Kicking and all the indignities which such a Hellish pack can be guilty of, obliging them to promise and engage never to appear against the new state again; and this is not all—they sware they will extirpate all the adherents to New Hampshire, threatening to Kill, Burn and Destroy the Persons and Properties of all who oppose them; that the Friends to this State can not continue at said Chesterfield with their Families, but are obliged to seek an Asylum in other Towns among the Hampshire People. I have two respectable Inhabitants of said Chesterfield now sheltering themselves under my roof, who I have the Greatest reason to think would be Treated by them in a barbarous manner were they in their Power, as they have stove the Doors and Broke up Houses in search of them. I am credibly informed that there is in said Chesterfield about an Hundred Persons who support said King, who Damn New Hampshire and all their authority to Hell, and say they (New Hampshire) can do nothing only in a mean, underhanded way; in short, they Defy all the authority and force of the State and are determined to support and maintain their usurped authority maugre all attempts that have [been] or shall be made to curb and restrain their usurpations. The wrath of man and the Raging of the Sea are in Scripture put together, and it is He alone who can rule the latter and restrain the former.”

Such was the gloomy state of affairs in this part of the State, as described by Capt. Burt and Gen. Bellows. It is to be regretted that we have no statement of the proceedings of the Vermont party in this town during the month of January, 1782, and the preceding December, from some respectable member of that party; but, after making due allowance for the prejudices of the narrators above quoted, it seems fair to infer that there was too much truth in what they wrote. The tradition of the indignities inflicted by some of the Vermont party upon the adherents of New Hampshire, still lingers in the town.

The New Hampshire government now resolved to raise an armed force and send it into the western part of the State. Accordingly, the House of Representatives, on the 8th of Jan., 1782, voted “that

the said armed force consist of one thousand men, including officers; that a proclamation be issued and forwarded to the several towns and places in the western part of this State, setting forth the reasons for raising said armed force." The proclamation referred to in the resolution passed by the House, and concurred in by the Council, was issued, and allowed forty days for the people in the revolted towns to subscribe to a declaration to the effect that they would recognize the jurisdiction of New Hampshire as far westward as Connecticut river. On the 10th of the same month, it was voted that the men should be raised by draft, or otherwise, out of certain designated regiments, and should be formed into two new regiments, of six companies each. Maj. Gen. John Sullivan was appointed commander of these forces. But it seems that the troops, for the raising of which these provisions were made, were not called into actual service.

On the first day of January, 1782, Gen. Washington addressed a letter to Gov. Chittenden of Vermont, that doubtless did much toward bringing this memorable controversy to a close. It has already been stated that Congress had defined the limits that Vermont must accept, as an indispensable preliminary to admission into the Confederation of States; and that the west bank of Connecticut river was to be the eastern boundary of that State. Gen. Washington used, in his letter, the following emphatic language: "I am apt to think * * * * that your late extension of claim has, upon the principle I have above mentioned, rather diminished than increased your friends; and that, if such extension should be persisted in, it will be made a common cause, and not considered as only affecting the rights of those States immediately interested in the loss of territory;—a loss of too serious a nature not to claim the attention of any people. There is no calamity within the compass of my foresight which is more to be dreaded than the necessity of *coercion* on the part of Congress; and consequently every endeavour should be used to prevent the execution of so disagreeable a measure."

On the 23d of February following, the Assembly of Vermont, then in session at Bennington, passed a resolution accepting the boundaries prescribed by Congress, and relinquishing all claims to any territory lying without said boundaries. Thus ended this great

controversy. Yet peace and harmony were by no means wholly re-established in the disaffected towns. Says Dr. Belknap in his classic "History of New Hampshire :—" "Though cut off from their connection with Vermont, the revolted towns did not at once return to a state of peace ; but the divisions and animosities which had so long subsisted, continued to produce disagreeable effects."

At what time Bingham, Grandy and Sheriff Hale were liberated, has not been ascertained ; but it is certain that Hale was at liberty, and in pursuit of Esquire Giles, before the 10th of Jan., 1782.

Vermont having renounced jurisdiction over the revolted towns, application was made to Gen. Bellows, of Walpole, and William Lee, justices of the peace, by more than thirty of the inhabitants and freeholders of Chesterfield, to issue a warrant for the annual town-meeting for the year 1782. In accordance with this application, the justices above named called a meeting, to be held on the 6th of March. At this meeting, Ephraim Baldwin was chosen town-clerk. Samuel King, Jonas Fairbanks, Abner Johnson, Moses Smith, Esq., and Eleazer Jackson were elected selectmen. Thereupon, a minority of the voters submitted the following protest against the proceedings of the majority :

"We, the subscribers, freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Chesterfield, duly qualified by law to vote in town affairs, being legally assembled in order to choose town-officers, hereby enter our Protest against the proceedings of the majority of the said town of Chesterfield:

- 1st. With respect to their proceeding to act in town affairs without producing a proper list of voters according to law, though requested.
- 2d. In their proceeding to choose a man for moderator [Jonas Fairbanks] who has openly appeared at the head of a company, to encourage them to take up arms against the authority of the State of New Hampshire, and who has not as yet made any proper retraction.
- 3d. In the choice of a town-clerk who is of the same principles as the moderator.
- 4th. In their choosing a man for first selectman [King] who is at present a prisoner for misdemeanor against the State, and rescued by the greater part of those who are voters in carrying their point in the above meeting.
- 5th. In their choosing the man for second selectman whom they chose for moderator;—all which we think is against the law of this State and liberties of America, whereby we think ourselves justified in our above proceedings.

Chesterfield, March 6, 1782."

The protest was signed by thirty-five voters, members of the New Hampshire party. This meeting was adjourned to the 27th of the same month, at which time the votes passed at the preceding meeting were ratified.

The next town-meeting was held on the 17th of the following April, and was called in the name of New Hampshire. The warrant was signed by all the selectmen, including Samuel King himself. At this meeting it was voted not to raise money for schooling, and a committee of nine men was chosen "to make an average in said town respecting raising men to fill up the continental army."

Another meeting was held on the 13th of May, at which Samuel King was elected to represent the town in the General Court of New Hampshire. The vote that had been passed at the preceding meeting to constitute a committee of nine, was reconsidered; and the selectmen were instructed "to class" the town for all services done in the war, and to act according to their judgment in all matters relating thereto.

An event that occurred in September, shows that open hostility to New Hampshire had not wholly died out. When the inferior court met at Keene, that month, a mob of anti-New Hampshire men under the lead of Samuel Davis, of Chesterfield, attempted to break it up. It is said that Davis, followed by his companions, entered the court-room and declared that the court should not be opened. The court was thereupon adjourned for a short time. It appears that Davis and his party soon found that their opponents were more numerous than themselves, and desisted from any further attempts to molest the court. Several of the leaders, including Davis, were arrested and put under bonds to appear at the next term of the superior court, to answer to the charge of assaulting the justices of the inferior court, and their clerk, and compelling them to desist from the lawful execution of the business of the same. Davis and his associates pleaded guilty, and threw themselves upon the mercy of the court. No sentence was passed upon them, and they were discharged.

In June, 1781, a new convention for framing a constitution assembled at Concord; but Chesterfield sent no delegate to this convention. A new constitution having been drawn up, it was submitted to the people. The convention having met again, according

to an adjournment, on the fourth Wednesday of Jan., 1782, it was found that the proposed constitution had been rejected. A new one was, therefore, formed, and again sent to the people for their consideration. The convention then adjourned to the last Tuesday in December.

On the 18th of November, a town-meeting was held, for the purpose of "hearing and perusing the new constitution and acting upon it." This constitution having been read, a committee was appointed to revise the same, consisting of Lieut. Fairbanks, Dea. Silas Thompson, Capt. Warner, Eleazer Jackson, Lieut. Cobleigh, Ensign Ladd, Capt. Fairbanks, Capt. Harvey and Lieut. Fletcher. The meeting then adjourned to the first Thursday in December (the 5th). At the adjourned meeting, the new constitution, as amended and altered by the committee chosen for that purpose, was accepted. Capt. Fairbanks was also chosen to attend the convention at Concord, that was to meet, according to adjournment, the last Tuesday of the month. The convention having assembled, it was found that the second proposed constitution had been rejected; whereupon the convention again adjourned, to meet the first Tuesday in June, 1783; at which time they met and agreed upon a *third* form, to be submitted to the people. The convention then adjourned to the 31st of the next October.

The annual town-meeting for the year 1783 was held on the 5th of March. After choosing a town-clerk, the meeting adjourned to the last Wednesday of the month. At the adjourned meeting, Capt. Harvey, Eleazer Pomeroy, Eleazer Jackson, Capt. Davis and Lieut. Fletcher were elected selectmen. This meeting was also adjourned to the last day of the month. At the meeting that was held agreeably to the last adjournment, a petition was presented, relating to the appointment of justices of the peace. The petitioners were of the opinion that the whole town ought to have a voice in the selection of justices of the peace, and desired that the town should petition the General Court to drop the old ones, and let the town choose such as it saw fit. The record states that the town voted "to hear and answer the petition."

The next meeting was held April 23. At this meeting it was voted "to warn all persons out of town that were not inhabitants

by law." Eleazer Pomeroy and Samuel King were chosen delegates to attend the constitutional convention at Concord, the following June. "Warning persons out of town" was practised, in early times, not only in this State, but in Massachusetts. It is not to be inferred that the persons so warned were always disreputable; on the contrary, it is said that they were frequently respectable, industrious people; but not having established a home and residence according to the law of that time, they were warned to leave the town. In certain cases, however, it is doubtless true that persons were ordered to leave because they were regarded as unfit to become inhabitants of the town.

The constitutional convention having sent out a third form for a constitution, a town-meeting was held on the 17th of September, to consider the same. Lieut. Brown, Eleazer Pomeroy, Deacon Thompson, Lieut. Fairbanks and Moses Smith, Esq., were chosen a committee to propose alterations in the form submitted, and make report at an adjourned meeting. The same committee was also instructed "to draw up something relative of easing the people, respecting paying debts and taxes." The meeting then adjourned to the first Monday in October. A petition was presented at the adjourned meeting, to get the eastern end of the town set off for a separate township; but it was voted not to grant it.

With regard to the new constitution, it was voted that each county should choose its own officers, civil and military; that the State should pay the representatives to the General Court out of the public fund; that every incorporated town should send a representative; finally, that the new constitution, as amended by the committee, be accepted.

When the convention for forming a constitution assembled, according to adjournment, on the 31st day of October, it was found that the last form sent out to the people had been accepted. Accordingly, this form was declared to be the "Civil Constitution for the State of New Hampshire," to go into effect on the first Wednesday of June, 1784.

At a town-meeting held Dec. 5, Samuel King was elected to represent Chesterfield and Hinsdale in the General Court, till the next June.

While the controversy between New Hampshire and Vermont was at its height, a considerable number of towns in Grafton and Cheshire counties refused to contribute toward the expenses of the war that was going on at the same time with Great Britain. Even after the dispute had been virtually ended, it seems that many of the inhabitants east of Connecticut river, in the lately revolted towns, refused, or at least were very unwilling, to pay taxes into the treasury of New Hampshire. In a letter addressed to President Weare by Col. Enoch Hale, Feb. 11, 1783, the latter refers to a letter he had received from Gen. Sullivan, respecting his (Hale's) power to raise the "body of Cheshire county" to assist in collecting the public taxes. Col. Hale added: "But notwithstanding many difficulties we labor under, I immediately sent orders to Col. Reuben Alexander* to raise the body of his regiment and march them into Chesterfield on Tuesday, the 21st of that month [Jan., 1783], or as many of them as might be sufficient to assist me in carrying the act of the General Assembly into execution; but the clamor of the people has been such that he fears to comply with the orders; giving me for reason, that, in such case, the greater part that could be raised would turn out with intent to mutinize and confound our proceedings; and the same opinion is prevailing with Capt. Doolittle, Esq. Lee and many others of our well-wishers to Government, some of which affirm that they fear to speak their own opinion openly, and wish to be protected in some other manner, as the wisdom of the General Assembly might direct." Opposition to New Hampshire gradually died out, however, and no further call upon the military to assist in the collection of taxes in Chesterfield, appears to have been made.

*Col. Reuben Alexander was of Winchester.

CHAPTER IV.

Military History of the Town During the War of the Revolution.

The Lexington Alarm—Chesterfield Men in Col. James Reid's Regiment—Gunpowder for the Use of the Town—Col. Timothy Bedel's Regiment, 1776—Chesterfield Men in Col. Joshua Wingate's Regiment, 1776; in Col. Nahum Baldwin's Regiment; in Col. David Gilman's Regiment—Militia Act of 1776—The Ticonderoga Alarms, in May and June, 1777; Rolls of the Men Who Went from Chesterfield and Westmoreland—Roll of Capt. Kimball Carlton's Company—The British Prepare to Invade the Connecticut Valley—Gen. Burgoyne's Instructions to Col. Baum—Capt. Carlton and his Company March from Chesterfield to Join the Militia under Gen. Stark, at Charlestown—the Battle of Bennington—Bounties Paid in 1778—Men Who Enlisted from the Town in 1779 and '80—The Town Settles with Nathan Thomas and Others for Lead furnished in 1776—Vote of the Town respecting the Pay of Soldiers—Imperfection of the Army Records respecting the Killed and Wounded.

In September, 1775, the selectmen of Chesterfield made an enumeration of the inhabitants of the town. In their return of this enumeration, made to the provincial authorities, they stated that *thirty-six* persons were absent in the army; that there were *eighty-six* guns in the town fit for use, *ninety-nine* more being needed; that there was no powder, and no slaves. The total number of inhabitants of the town, exclusive of those in the army, was 838.

The question now arises: Who were the thirty-six men that were absent in the army? This question can only be answered in part. The alarm caused by the battle of Lexington seems to have induced a number of men to enlist; but who these men were, has not been ascertained. The "Army Rolls," in the office of the Adjutant-General, show that the town paid bounties to the amount of 40 pounds, 6 shillings and 8 pence, to men who enlisted on account of the "Lexington alarm;" but the names of the men who received the bounties are not given.

Soon after the battle of Lexington, three regiments were organized in New Hampshire. The *first* regiment was commanded by

Col. John Stark; the *second*, by Col. Enoch Poor; the *third*, by Col. James Reid of Fitzwilliam. Jonathan Whitcomb commanded the seventh company of Col. Reid's regiment. In Capt. Whitcomb's company were the following Chesterfield men:

<i>Joseph Smith.</i>	<i>Elijah Walton.</i>
<i>Eleazer Jordan.</i>	<i>Josiah Hastings.</i>
<i>Jonathan Farr.</i>	<i>Elisha Walton.</i>
<i>Joshua Farr.</i>	<i>Eleazer Cobleigh.</i>
<i>Eleazer Stoddard.</i>	<i>Ephraim Farr.</i>
<i>Joseph Metcalf.</i>	<i>Asa Gale.</i>
<i>Charles Johnson.</i>	<i>John Merrill.</i>

Benjamin Wheeler.

It is possible that the name of Stephen Bingham, and a few others, should be added; but the above names are the only ones that the writer is able to identify with certainty. They were obtained from a *receipt* which the members of Capt. Whitcomb's company had given for money received "in lieu of coats promised by the Colony of New Hampshire." The receipt bears the date of Oct. 13, 1775. The company, at that time, was probably stationed at Medford, Mass.

The eighth company of the same regiment (Col. Reid's), was commanded by *Jacob Hinds*, of this town. From a receipt signed by members of this company, it appears to have been at Medford, in October, with Capt. Whitcomb's company. The names of the men that can be identified with a fair degree of certainty as belonging to Chesterfield, are as follows: *Ezekiel Davis*, *David Stoddard* and *William Farwell*, sergeants; *Jacob Davis*, *David Robbins* and *Richard Coughlan*, privates. George Aldrich was second-lieutenant, and Nahum Goodnow drummer, in the same company. Both were from Westmoreland.

Col. Reid's regiment, together with Col. Stark's, took part in the battle of Breed's Hill, (or Bunker's Hill, as it is commonly but erroneously called.) It is not known how long the Chesterfield men who were in Col. Reid's regiment, remained in the service after October; but the regiment was re-organized late in the following year, and some of them may have served till the re-organization. It seems, however, to be quite certain that a few, at least, had returned before the 12th of June, 1776.

It appears from the following extracts from the Journal of the House, that some time in June, 1776, the selectmen, or town committee of safety, made a requisition on the colonial authorities at Exeter for gunpowder for the use of the town :

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1776.

Voted to choose a committee of this House to confer with a committee of the Honorable Board on the expediency of furnishing the town of Chesterfield with powder to defend themselves against the attempts and assaults of all persons who appear by their conduct inimical to this Country, and to make report to this House as soon as may be, and that Capt. Prentice, Maj. Bellows and Dr. Dearborn be the committee of this House for that purpose."

"TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1776.

Voted that half a barrel of gunpowder be delivered out of the powder-house in Exeter, to the selectmen of Chesterfield, on their order, for the use of said town of Chesterfield, and that the said selectmen of Chesterfield, or some person in their stead, give a receipt therefor, and promise to account with the treasurer of this Colony for the same."

The Honorable Board concurred with the House in both votes.

In January, 1776, a regiment of New Hampshire men was raised for the defence of the western frontier of the State, and placed under the command of Col. Timothy Bedel. This regiment was at the "Cedars," about 36 miles above Montreal, in the following May, it having been sent there to re-enforce the American army in Canada. Soon after, it was surrendered to the enemy by Major Butterfield, Col. Bedel being absent.

The second company of this regiment was commanded by Capt. Daniel Carlisle, of Westmoreland, and contained, at least, three Chesterfield men, viz. : *Aaron Smith*, Ensign ; *Nathaniel Bacon*, Fifer ; *Eleazer Jordan*, Corporal.

In July and August, a regiment was raised in New Hampshire, of which Joshua Wingate was Colonel. This regiment went to re-enforce the "Northern Army" in New York. Its seventh company was commanded by Capt. William Humphrey, and in it were the following men from Chesterfield : *John Pratt*, *James Wheeler*, *Joseph Metcalf, Jr.*, *Elijah Watson* (?) [*Walton*], *Gustavus Bingham*, *Amasa Colburn*, *John Peacock*, *Ebenezer Porter*, *William Day*, *Nathaniel Sanger*. There may have been others from Chesterfield, in the same company ; but their names have not been identified with certainty.

In September of the same year, Col. Nahum Baldwin's regiment was raised, and, together with that of Col. Thomas Tash, was sent to re-enforce the Continental army in New York.

The sixth company of Col. Baldwin's regiment was commanded by Capt. John Houghton. It contained the following Chesterfield men: *John Bishop, James Robinson [Robertson], Josiah Hastings, Jonathan Farr, Ezekiel Powers, Jonathan Cressey, Jonathan Farwell, Isaac Farr, Nathan Thomas, Jonathan Farr, 3d.* Capt. Houghton's company was mustered, apparently, at Swanzey, Sept. 22. The men were paid 6 pounds in advance, and were allowed one pound, 13 shillings and 4 pence for 200 miles of travel. It is not known in what actions they were engaged, or at what time they were discharged.

In the December following, another regiment was raised for the same purpose as the two last mentioned, and placed under command of Col. David Gilman. The first company was commanded by Capt. Francis Town. There were, at least, two Chesterfield men in this company, viz.: *Zenas Fairbanks* and *Aaron Farr*. Perhaps the name of *Levi Fairbanks* should be added.

The "Militia Act" passed this year (1776), at the session of the New Hampshire Assembly and "Council," held in September, is worthy of notice. This act provided for the organization of all male persons, with certain exceptions, into a "Training Band" and an "Alarm List," the former comprising able-bodied male persons from sixteen to fifty years old, and the latter all male persons from sixteen to sixty-five years old, not included in the Training Band. Negroes, Mulattoes and Indians, together with persons occupying certain public positions, and engaged in certain employments, were exempted from military service. Both classes of the militia were organized into companies and regiments, which, in part or in whole, were liable to be called out for duty at any time; but persons in the Alarm List were only to do duty in case of an emergency. All persons, however, of either class, under sixty years of age, were required to do "watch duty," when occasion demanded the establishment of a military watch in any town. Every person was obliged to provide his arms and accoutrements, if able to do so, at his own expense; otherwise, the town in which he resided, was to provide them. The specified equipments were as follows: A good

“fire-arm,” ramrod, worm, priming-wire and brush, bayonet with belt and scabbard, cutting sword or hatchet, cartridge-box, a hundred buck-shot, jack-knife, six flints, tow for making wadding, one pound of powder and forty leaden balls, a knapsack and blanket, and a canteen or wooden bottle having a capacity of at least one quart. The selectmen were also to furnish, at the expense of each town, a certain number of spades or shovels, pick-axes and hoes, for the use of the militia. The “alarm” was to be given by firing three guns in succession, by beating drums, or by beacons.

Early in May, 1777, express-riders came into New Hampshire bearing the news of the approach of the British army towards Ticonderoga. On the 7th of the same month, Maj. Gen. Folsom issued orders for portions of the regiments in the western part of the State to march immediately to the aid of the American forces at that place. Capt. Waitstill Scott, of Westmoreland, who commanded the first company of Col. Ashley’s regiment, immediately called his men together and set out on the march to the threatened fortress. This company was composed principally of men from Westmoreland, Chesterfield and Hinsdale. Its roll was as follows, the names of Chesterfield men being printed in *italics*:

Waitstill Scott, Captain.	<i>James Robertson</i> , 1st Lieutenant.
<i>Samuel Davis</i> , Ensign.	John Chamberlain, 2d “
Nathan Franklin, Sergeant.	<i>William Hildreth</i> , Sergeant.
Elisha Belding, “	Ephraim Sawyer, “
Roger Conent, Corporal.	<i>Daniel Farr</i> , Corporal.
<i>Daniel Colburn</i> , Corporal.	John Veazy, “
Nahum Goodnow, Drummer.	

PRIVATES.

Israel Almsbury.	<i>Eleazer Jordan</i> .
Caleb Aldrich.	Reuben Kendell.
William Akers.	<i>Joseph Metcalf</i> .
Joseph Boynton.	<i>Amos Partridge</i> .
Nehemiah Brown.	<i>Eli Partridge</i> .
Edmund Bowker.	William Read.
Job Britton.	John Read.
Samuel Cobb.	Solomon Robbins.
Increase Chamberlain.	Hosea Snow.
Calvin Chamberlain.	<i>Samuel Stearns</i> .

Aaron Davey.
 Nathaniel Daggett.
 Shadrach Dodge.
 John Evans.
Ephraim Farr.
Thomas Farr.
Jacob Farr.
Charles Farr.
 Timothy Goodnow.
 Abraham Gibbs.
 Oliver Gerry.

John Sanderson.
William Thomas.
 Daniel Whitman.
Nathaniel Walton.
 Benjamin Walker.
 Ithamar Whitney.
 John Warner.
 Luther Winslow.
 Ephraim Wetherell.
 Ezekiel Woodward.
 David Winchester.
 Thomas Hazelton.

The alarm which called out the troops from this part of the State, proved false, and the soldiers did not get an opportunity to engage in battle with the enemy. Most of Capt. Scott's men served about 40 days, (being discharged June 21,) and received pay at the rate of 4 pounds and 10 shillings per month. They were also allowed 3 pence per mile for marching to Ticonderoga, and 2 pence per mile for the return march. The distance was called, each way, 110 miles. The officers and men belonging to Col. Ashley's and Col. Bellows' regiments, were complimented by Gen. Gates, the commander at Ticonderoga, for the promptness and expedition with which they had marched to the assistance of his forces.

The troops that went to Ticonderoga in May, had scarcely arrived home, when tidings were brought of the actual approach of Burgoyne's army toward that important post. Again the New Hampshire militia was called upon to march to the rescue. One of the companies in Col. Ashley's regiment was commanded by Lieutenant *Oliver Cobleigh*, of this town, and nearly, or quite, all the men belonged also to Chesterfield. The roll of Lieut. Cobleigh's company was as follows:

Josiah Hastings, Ensign.
Samuel Davis, Sergeant.
Ezekiel Powers, Sergeant.

Fonas Davis, Sergeant.
James Wheeler, Sergeant.
Dan Cobleigh, Corporal.

PRIVATES.

Amos Davis.
Jonathan Farr, Jr.,
Daniel Baldwin.

Thomas Whitcomb.
Isaac Hildreth.
Benjamin Smith.

Ebenezer Farr.
Eleazer Stoddard.
Jonathan Cressy, Jr.
Joel Whitney.
William Crafford.
Amos Streeter.
John Peacock.
Ebenezer Fletcher.
Joseph Higgins.

Elisha Walton.
Henry Cressey.
Joseph Higgins, Jr.
Ephraim Amidon, (of Wmd.)
Amos Smith.
Aaron Smith.
Martin Warner.
Jonathan Starr (?) [probably
Jonathan Davis. Farr.]

The fortress at Ticonderoga was evacuated by the Americans on the 6th of July, so that the troops that started to its assistance were not in season to be of much use. Some of them learned of the evacuation before they had proceeded a great way, and returned home. None of Lieut. Cobleigh's men seem to have been absent more than thirteen days, and some not more than seven, four, or three days.

Another company in Col. Ashley's regiment was commanded by Lieutenant *James Robertson*, also of Chesterfield. A part of this company, which part consisted mostly of Chesterfield men, set out for Ticonderoga June 29. The following is the roll of the men who marched under the command of Lieut. Robertson:

Moses Smith, (who also ranked as Lieutenant.)

Daniel Kennison, Ensign.

Silas Richardson, Sergeant.

John Ellis, Sergeant.

John Pratt, Sergeant.

William Richardson, Corporal.

PRIVATES.

Jonathan Farwell.

Samuel Davis Converse.

William Haze.

James Mansfield.

John Davison.

Oliver Hobart (?) [probably
Zenas Fairbanks. Hubbard.]

Moses Marsh.

Thomas Metcalf.

John Reed.

Reuben Hildreth.

William Henry.

John Porter.

Nathan Metcalf.

Jesse Hildreth.

Thomas Daby.

Joseph Smith.

William Reed.

Silas Thompson.

Joseph Metcalf.

Nathaniel Bingham.

Ebenezer Streeter.

Andrew Hastings.

Asa Gale.

*Amos Partridge.**Samuel Walker.**Daniel Colburn.**Hollava (?) Merrill.**Elisha Rockwood.**Joseph Metcalf, Jr.**Abner Allen.**Reuben Graves.**Asa Metcalf.*

Of these men, Haze, Marsh, John and William Reed, Mansfield, Porter, Merrill and Allen, may have belonged to other towns; although it is quite as likely that they belonged to Chesterfield. The men of this company were absent, at the most, only thirteen days; and some not more than two or three.

The battle of Bennington, which took place on the 16th of August of this year, furnished an opportunity for testing the fighting qualities of those men whom the British regarded as being no match for their well drilled regulars. At this late day it is difficult to conceive how intense must have been the excitement in this part of the valley of the Connecticut, when it was known that a large force of British and Indians would, unless soon stopped in its victorious career, sweep through the settlements. The remembrance of the atrocities of the savages was still fresh in the minds of many of the settlers, and they were determined to defend with vigor, even unto death, if necessary, their homes and families. As soon as the object of the British became known, preparations were made to meet them. The militia of New Hampshire was divided into two brigades, one commanded by Gen. Stark, the other by Gen. Whipple. One of the regiments in Stark's brigade was commanded by Col. Moses Nichols. The eighth company of this regiment was under the command of Capt. *Kimball Carlton*, of Chesterfield. The record says that this company "marched from Chesterfield and towns adjacent, July 22, 1777." Westmoreland and Chesterfield seem to have furnished most of the men. The roll of Capt. Carlton's company was as follows: [The names of Chesterfield men are indicated by being printed in *italics*.]

Amos Pierce, Lieutenant.

Josiah Hastings, Ensign.

Jonathan Sawyer, Sergeant.

Ephraim Sawyer, " "

Jonathan Cole, Corporal.

Noah Emmons, Corporal.

Jonathan Holton, Lieutenant.

Bezaleel Grandy, Sergeant.

Daniel Farr, " "

Luther Winslow, Corporal.

Samuel Robbins, Corporal.

Benoni Tisdale, Fifer. (Killed Aug. 16.)

PRIVATES.

<i>Thomas Metcalf.</i>	Hosea Snow.
<i>Joseph Metcalf.</i>	Simeon Daggett.
John Reed.	<i>Amos Partridge.</i>
Ephraim Amidon.	<i>Theodorus Bingham.</i>
<i>Charles Farr.</i>	<i>Benjamin Streeter.</i>
<i>William Farr.</i>	Jacob Stone.
<i>Lemuel Stoddard.</i>	William Hazelton.
<i>Ebzy Evans (?)</i>	David Glazier.
Elisha Belding.	John Robbins.
James Peacock.	Daniel Brown.
Simon Cobb.	Nehemiah Brown.
Benjamin Pierce.	<i>Daniel Baldwin.</i>
Jonathan Robbins.	Albert Gilbert,
Solomon Robbins.	John Ranstead.
Eleazer Robbins.	<i>Jacob Farr, Jr.</i>
Richard Hazelton.	<i>Jonathan Cobleigh.</i>
Jesse Brown.	<i>Samuel Peacock.</i>
Jonathan Willis.	Joshua Frost.
John Warner.	Daniel Shadwick [or Shadrach.]
William Britton.	Daniel Blanchard.
Josiah Leach, Jr.	Josiah Wheeler.
<i>Jonathan Farr.</i>	Nathaniel Collar.
Daniel Keyes.	<i>Amos Hobart (?)</i> [probably <i>Hub-</i>
<i>Jonathan Hildreth, Jr.</i>	<i>Aaron Fisk.</i> <i>bard.</i>]
<i>Samuel D. Converse.</i>	

It is said that the Westmoreland men assembled at Keep's tavern, in the present "Hill Village" of that town, and thence marched to Chesterfield. A pleasing incident of the hurry and excitement attending the assembling of the members of the company, has been preserved through tradition. Eleazer Robbins, of Westmoreland, was so enthusiastic in the good cause, and so eager to go on the "hunt for Hessians," that he got to the place of rendezvous before he discovered that he had left his hat at home!

Capt. Carlton having got his company in readiness, marched from this town, on the 22d of July, for the rendezvous at Charlestown. It was a sad day for many a family, for who could tell how many of those who were going forth to engage in mortal combat

with a powerful enemy, would ever return to their homes? Capt. Carlton's company was among the first that reported to Gen. Stark, at Charlestown, and the Captain and his men were especially complimented by him for their promptness and good appearance. There is official evidence that Aaron Wheeler and Job F. Brooks, both of Westmoreland, each took up to Charlestown a two-horse load of provisions for the use of the troops. Stark, having got together a few hundred men, marched to Manchester, Vt., where he joined his forces with the Vermont troops under command of Col. Seth Warner, or "Mr. Warner," as he was contemptuously called by Gen. Burgoyne.

The following brief extracts from Gen. Burgoyne's instructions to Col. Baum, will give the reader a clearer idea of the intentions of the British commander, and of what would have been the fate of the valley settlements, if his plans had not been speedily frustrated: "You are to proceed from Batten Kill to Arlington, and to take post there. * * * * You are then to proceed to Manchester, where you will again take post, so as to secure the passes of the mountains on the road from Manchester to Rockingham; from thence you will detach the Indians and light troops to the northward toward Otter Creek; on their return, and also receiving intelligence that no enemy is in force upon the Connecticut river, you will proceed by the road over the mountains to Rockingham, where you will take post. * * * * Should you find it may be effected, you are to remain there while the Indians and light troops are detached up the river, and you are afterwards to descend the river to Brattleburg [Brattleboro'], and from that place by the quickest march you are to return by the great road to Albany. * * * * During your whole progress your detachments are to have orders to bring in to you all horses fit to mount the dragoons under your command, or to serve as bat-horses to the troops, together with as many saddles and bridles as can be found. The number of horses requisite, besides those necessary for mounting the regiment of dragoons, ought to be thirteen hundred. If you can bring more for the use of the Army, it will be so much the better. * * * * All possible means are to be used to prevent plundering."

Col. Baum was also commanded to take possession of wagons and "other convenient carriages," together with draught-oxen and beef-cattle. Milch cows were, very considerably, to be left for the use of the inhabitants. Receipts were also to be given for everything that was taken, to all except *rebels*. It was a cherished belief of Burgoyne that most of the settlers on the "Grants" would readily comply with the proclamation which he had previously issued, inviting them to remain loyal, or, at least, not to interpose any obstacles to the progress of his army, at the same time pointing out the penalties if they refused to comply.

Baum, however, was not able to occupy either Manchester or Rockingham, but directed his course toward Bennington. Stark, having received additions to his force, left Manchester on Sunday, Aug. 8, for Bennington, where he arrived the next day. Col. Warner's regiment was left at Manchester. On the 13th, Stark learned that a body of Indians was within about 12 miles of Bennington, and sent Col. Gregg with 200 men, to meet them. Information was soon brought that a large force was advancing toward Bennington, and, on the 14th, Stark advanced with his brigade and a few Vermont troops, to cover the retreat of Col. Gregg, who was obliged to yield to superior numbers. A few miles from the town, Stark's force met the force under command of Gregg, the enemy being in close pursuit. Baum, on perceiving that Stark was ready to oppose him, halted his army and took an advantageous position, refusing to be drawn into an engagement. Stark's force then fell back about one mile and encamped for the night. Gregg was the lieutenant-colonel of Nichols' regiment, and it is said that a part of his detachment, which had been sent forward, as above stated, was composed of men belonging to Capt. Carlton's company.

On the 15th, it rained all day, so that a general engagement was not attempted; but, on the next day, having been re-enforced by more Vermont militia, and some from Berkshire county, Mass., Stark made preparations for attacking the enemy, who, in the meantime, had completed his intrenchments. Col. Nichols was sent with 250 men, including, it is said, Capt. Carlton's company, to the rear of the enemy's left wing. Col. Herrick was also sent with 300 men to the rear of the right wing. When the two detachments met, an attack was to be made upon the rear of the main body of

Baum's army, while the remainder of the American army made an attack in front. The battle was opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, by Col. Nichols' detachment, and raged fiercely till about 5 o'clock. Said Gen. Stark, "It was like one continued clap of thunder."

Want of space forbids a detailed account of this battle, on the result of which so much depended. In two hours the enemy's breast-works had been carried by storm, two brass cannons and some prisoners captured. Then came Col. Breymann, with a considerable force, to the assistance of the British, who rallied and made a furious attack upon Stark's little army. The Americans were slowly falling back, when Col. Seth Warner's regiment came to the rescue, and the battle raged anew. Both sides fought bravely till sunset, when the enemy gave way, and was pursued by Stark till darkness set in. Upwards of 700 prisoners, and a considerable supply of war materials, fell into the hands of the Americans. About 200 dead Hessians, Tories and Indians were found on the battle-field. The loss of the Americans, in killed and wounded, was comparatively small, and appears not to have much exceeded one-hundred. Only two of Capt. Carlton's men are known to have been killed—Benoni Tisdale and John Ranstead, both of Westmoreland. Several are said to have been wounded, but their names cannot now be ascertained. A detachment of men from Captain Carlton's and one other company, which had been sent to Greenbush, N. Y., to secure some cattle, fell into an ambuscade of Tories, who fired a volley that killed Tisdale and Ranstead. It is said that Ranstead received *sixteen* bullets, and that Tisdale was shot through the lungs.

Tradition says that a number of men from Chesterfield were engaged in this battle, who went as independent volunteers. One of these was John Pierce, who, having had a hand in the capture of some Hessians, or Hessian spoils, received the appellation of "The Hessian." Oliver Brown and Thomas Farr went to drive cattle for the American army. It is said that the British got the cattle, whereupon the two young men went into the ranks and served as soldiers. The roar of the cannon was distinctly heard in this, and neighboring, towns on that eventful day, and filled the minds of the hearers with dread and anxiety. The wife of William Farr was at

work in the flax-field, not far from where the Universalist meeting-house now stands, in the western part of the town, when she heard the cannonading. The wife of Aaron Fisk, who lived on the hill west of the lake, also heard the roar of the cannon, and, in a state of great mental agitation, walked the house as long as it continued. This circumstance produced such an impression upon the mind of her oldest child, that it was never forgotten.

The most of the men in Capt. Carlton's company, served two months and two days, or till about the 24th of September following the date of their marching from Chesterfield, and received pay at the rate of 4 pounds and 10 shillings per month. It is much to be regretted that the names of all those who went to the battle of Bennington as *independent* volunteers, cannot now be learned. If they ever sent any claims for compensation to the Legislature, such claims have not been found, and consequently no list of their names.

In the New Hampshire regiment commanded by Col. Alexander Scammel, and which was at Ticonderoga till that place was evacuated, July 6, 1777, were *Ebenczer Fletcher* and *Amos Colburn*, both of Chesterfield. The former was first-lieutenant in the third company, the latter second-lieutenant in the sixth company. *Gustavus Bingham* enlisted June 10, 1777, and *John Grandy* the 15th of the same month. Both were discharged Jan. 10, 1778, but for what cause is unknown. Bingham received a wound in the head, sometime during the war; but in what action is not known. The town paid bounties, this year, to the amount of 100 pounds and 8 shillings.

In 1778, Chesterfield paid bounties to the amount of 66 pounds, 13 shillings and 9 pence; but the names of the men to whom these bounties were paid, have not been found.

In 1779, bounties were paid by the town to the amount of many pounds. The names of some, if not all, of the men who went from the town this year, are known. In the spring a regiment of New Hampshire men, under command of Col. Hercules Mooney, was ordered to Rhode Island. The fourth company of this regiment was commanded by Capt. Ephraim Stone, of Westmoreland. In it were, at least three, Chesterfield men, viz., *Jonathan Cressey*, *Martin Hildreth* and *John Putnam*. Each received a bounty of 30 pounds, and was allowed, for travel to Providence, 11 pounds.

The distance was called 110 miles. July 12, *William Nichols*, of Chesterfield, enlisted for one year. July 18, *Phineas Hemenway*, *Thomas Wooley*, *David Pierce* and *Simon Pierce* enlisted for the term of one year. The five men last mentioned were enlisted "to fill up the Continental Army." They received a bounty of 60 pounds each.

In the summer of 1780, *Francis Crane*, *William Lee*, *Reuben Still*, *David Still* and *Nathan Dodge* enlisted for the town of Chesterfield, and served a few months; but in what regiment, is not known. Two additional regiments were raised in New Hampshire, this year, for the defence of West Point. In the sixth company of one of these regiments (Col. Moses Nichol's) were the following Chesterfield men: *John Pratt*, *Ebenezer Safford*, *Daniel Baldwin*, *Noah Emmons* and *Aaron Cressey*. Pratt appears to have been promoted to lieutenant. In October, the British and Indians burned Royalton, Vt, and committed other depredations in the vicinity of that place. The alarm having been conveyed to other towns, in this State and Vermont, men immediately volunteered to go in pursuit of the enemy. It seems that Captain *Josiah Hartwell*, with a few men from this town, was among those who volunteered on that occasion. The names of Capt. Hartwell's men have not been found; but the pay-roll amounted to 37 pounds, 14 shillings and 4 pence.

If any men enlisted from Chesterfield during the remaining years of the war, their names are unknown; for no rolls have been discovered containing the names of men that could be identified as being citizens of Chesterfield. Owing to the disturbed state of the town during the last three years of the war, it is probable that very few, if any, men enlisted. Bounties were, in most cases, paid to the soldiers furnished by New Hampshire, by the towns from which they enlisted. Afterwards, the towns were re-imbursed for these bounties by the State.

At a town-meeting held Jan. 11, 1781, a settlement was made with Nathan Thomas and others, for lead furnished for the use of the town, on the occasion of a certain "alarm," in October, 1776. The cause of the "alarm" has not been ascertained. The following is a statement of the amount of lead furnished, together with the names of those who furnished it:

Nathan Thomas, 6 lbs., 6 oz.

Noah Emmons, 1 lb., 12 oz.

Abel Emmons, 3 lbs.

Jonathan Farr, 2nd, 9 lbs., 8 oz.

Capt. Simon Davis, 9 lbs.

It was voted to allow 6 Continental dollars per pound for the lead!

In August, 1794, Chesterfield voted "to make up the soldiers' wages equal to forty shillings per month, including the pay which Congress has given them, exclusive of the clothing."

Owing to the imperfect manner in which the army records were kept during the struggle for independence, the names of the Chesterfield men who were wounded or lost their lives, from any cause, while in the service of their country, have not been ascertained, except a few that have been obtained from other sources. According to the town-records, Nathan Bishop died in the army in 1777. It is said that David Stoddard, Sen., went into the army, and never returned. Elisha Bingham was discharged from the service, and died while on his way home. Others there doubtless were who lost their lives in the cause of liberty, and whose deeds, though they themselves slumber in nameless graves, will be held in remembrance by a grateful posterity for centuries to come.

"The bugle's wild and warlike blast
Shall muster them no more;
An army now might thunder past,
And they not heed its roar.
The starry flag, 'neath which they fought,
In many a bloody day,
From their old graves shall rouse them not,
For they have pass'd away."



CHAPTER V.

From 1783 to 1815.

Rapid Coming-in of Settlers—First Election for State and County Officers—The Town Votes "to Sing, Sunday Afternoons, without Reading"—The Town Votes in Favor of the Issuing of Paper Money by the State—Gen Sullivan Visits the Town—Adoption of the Federal Constitution—First Presidential Election—Constitution of the State Revised—Attempts to Divide the Town—War Between the United States and Great Britain—The Federals Pass Resolutions Disapproving the Acts of the Republican Administration—The People of New Hampshire Alarmed by the Approach of the British—Names of the Men Furnished by Chesterfield—End of the War.

During the war of the Revolution many families came from Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and settled in Chesterfield. After the war ended, settlers continued to come into the town in large numbers, so that the population numbered, in 1786, 1535 persons, or 661 more than in the first year of the war (1775). In 1790, the number of inhabitants was 1905; and in the year 1800 it had become 2161. Among the new-comers were men of almost every trade and profession—physicians, preachers, teachers, farmers, traders, hatters, weavers of linen and woolen cloths, cloth-dressers, shoemakers, blacksmiths, carpenters, coopers and millers. Additional saw and grist-mills were erected; blacksmith shops, fulling mills and stores came suddenly into existence, in quarters of the town where there had previously been none. In short, the town had entered upon a career of prosperity that was destined to last many years.

The annual town-meeting for the year 1784, was held on the 3d day of March. Benjamin Haskell, Peter Stone and Amos Hubbard were elected selectmen. As the new constitution was to take effect the next June, state and county officers were voted for at this meeting, according to the provisions of the same. This was the first

general election ever held in the State, for State and County officers. The following is the record of the votes for "President of the State," and for state senators :

For President, George Atkinson	had 26 votes.
John Sullivan	" 3 "
Sam'l Livermore	" 2 "
For Senators, Col. Hale	" 24 "
Simeon Olcott, Esq.,	" 23 "
Thomas Sparhawk,	" 1 "
Benj. Bellows, Esq.,	" 4 "
Thos. Applin, Esq.,	" 5 "

At that time, the senatorial districts coincided with the counties, and Cheshire county was allowed to elect two senators. The smallness of the number of votes cast at this election, in this town, seems somewhat remarkable, when we consider that the town must have had a population numbering not much less than 1200, and perhaps more. For a number of years after the new constitution was adopted, there appears to have been very little interest in the elections for State officers, among the inhabitants of Chesterfield.

The annual town-meeting for 1785, took place on March 2nd. At this meeting Jacob Amidon was chosen town-clerk,—a position that he held for fifteen years in succession. Paul Eager, Jacob Amidon and Reuben Graves were elected selectmen; and Ebenezer Harvey, representative. For President of the State, George Atkinson received 16 votes; John Langdon, 8; Esquire Livermore, 4.

Another meeting was held May 10, the same year. The fifth article in the warrant for this meeting was, "To see if the town will vote relative to singing in the meeting-house on Sundays, without reading." *It was voted to sing in the afternoon without reading.*

As has already been mentioned, the town, on two different occasions in the year 1781, refused to furnish its quota of men for the Continental army. It seems that "fines" were afterwards imposed upon the town for this neglect, as appears from the following article in the warrant for a town-meeting to be held Nov. 7, (1785): "To see what the town will do in regard to the fines laid on the town for not sending their complement of men into the Continental Army." Esquire Cressey, Capt. Cobleigh and Deacon Thompson

were constituted a committee to consider the matter, and draw up a petition to be sent to the General Court, relating thereto.

The history of the town from 1785 to the breaking out of the second war with Great Britain, in 1812, contains but little of especial interest, and will be very briefly treated. It is true that this period was one of prosperity, but it was free from political excitement, and the inhabitants were quietly engaged in their ordinary occupations.

In September, 1786, the Legislature of New Hampshire, in accordance with the demand of a large party in the State, formed the plan of issuing paper bills to the amount of 50,000 pounds, to be loaned at four per cent., on land security. This plan was submitted to the people. At a town-meeting held the 16th of November, the same year, the town voted in favor of the project. The measure was not adopted, however, by the people of the State, as it failed to receive a majority of votes.

It appears from a petition sent to the General Court by Eleazer Jackson, Michael Cressy and Benj. Haskell, selectmen of Chesterfield for the year 1787, that Gen. John Sullivan, President of the State, visited Chesterfield in November, 1786. This petition bears the date of June 21, 1787, and states that "on the eighth day of November last William Loudon, a tranchant person and not an Inhabitant in this or, as we Can Learn, any other town or place in this State, or any of the United States of America, being a native of Scotland, and one that served the United States in the Late War, was greivously wounded in attempting to fire a cannon on the arrival of his Excellency Gen'l Sullivan in this town," &c. The petitioners desired that the State would defray the expenses incurred in caring for the wounded man.

June 21, 1788, the Federal Constitution was adopted by New Hampshire. Dr. Solomon Harvey was the delegate from Chesterfield to the convention that adopted this constitution. Dr. Harvey was one of the forty-seven delegates who voted *against* adoption. Fifty-seven voted *for* adoption.

On the 15th day of December, 1788, was held the first town-meeting for the purpose of voting for representatives in the Congress of the United States, and for electors of President and Vice-

President. Three representatives and five electors were to be voted for. The following is the record of the votes cast for representatives :

Samuel Livermore	had 7 votes.
Simeon Olcott	" 13 "
Benjamin West	" 2 "
John Pickering	" 9 "
Paine Wingate	" 8 "
Lemuel Holmes	" 3 "
Enoch Hale	" 1 "
Beza Woodward	" 2 "
John Sullivan	" 2 "
Benjamin Bellows	" 1 "

The votes for electors were as follows :

Moses Chase	had 11 votes.
John Sullivan	" 10 "
Gen. Fulsom	" 9 "
John Pickering	" 11 "
Amos Shephard	" 11 "
Benjamin Bellows	" 1 "
Esquire Bell	" 1 "
Peter Green	" 1 "

The smallness of the number of votes cast is again somewhat surprising, considering that the town now had more than 1500 inhabitants. It was found necessary to hold another election for representatives in Congress. Accordingly, another town-meeting was held to vote for three out of the five following persons: Benjamin West, Samuel Livermore, Payne Wingate, Abiel Foster, John Sullivan and Nicholas Gilman. Of these, Benj. West, Abiel Foster and Nicholas Gilman had each 11 votes. This meeting was held Feb. 2, 1789. At an adjourned town-meeting held Nov. 16, the same year, it was voted "to raise 33 pounds to be paid in flax at 5 pence per pound, or [in] money, to settle an extent issued by the Treasurer on the selectmen."

A convention for revising the constitution of the State, assembled at Concord, Sept. 7, 1791. Eleazer Jackson was the delegate to this convention from Chesterfield. The amendments proposed by

this convention were accepted by the town at a meeting held Aug. 27, 1792. At the same meeting six electors of President and Vice-President were voted for, as follows:

John Bellows	had	8	votes.
James Freeman	"	16	"
John Pickering	"	11	"
Lemuel Holmes	"	8	"
Major Wallis	"	9	"
James Shieff (Sheaff)	"	8	"

None were recorded for any other persons.

In 1797, Arthur Latham and others petitioned to be disannexed from the town. This was in accordance with a plan to unite portions of Chesterfield, Winchester and Swanzev into a new township. The petition was not granted. Unsuccessful attempts were also made in 1798 and 1807 to get the south-eastern part of the town set off.

War was formally proclaimed by the United States against Great Britain, June 19, 1812. At that time, and, in fact, during the whole war, the two political parties of the State were nearly equal in strength. The Republicans were in favor of prosecuting the war vigorously, and of invading the territory of the enemy; the Federals, on the other hand, wished to stand on the defensive, and doubted the right of the General Government to place the militia of a State under the command of United States officers. New Hampshire, nevertheless, was prompt to furnish its quota of men at all times during the war. In anticipation of the struggle that was to come, and in accordance with a requisition made by President Madison, Governor Langdon issued orders, May 29, 1812, for detaching three thousand five hundred men from the militia of the State, to be organized, armed and equipped for actual service. A draft was made and the men thus obtained were organized and put in readiness for active duty. Before the end of the year, a large number of men had also enlisted voluntarily. The Federals having a very large majority in Chesterfield, it was decided, on the part of some of them, to hold a town-meeting for the purpose, as expressed in the warrant, of "taking the sense of the town on the alarming situation of our country, the conduct of our rulers, and the tendency of their measures." The meeting was held on the 4th of

September, 1812. Levi Jackson, Phineas Handerson and John Kneeland having been chosen a committee to draft "a proposal for the town to act upon," the meeting was adjourned for one hour. On re-assembling, the following resolutions were presented by the committee, and adopted as an expression of the sentiments of a majority of the legal voters of the town :

Resolved, That it is the duty of every citizen to obey all constitutional laws of the general government, and support the Constitution thereof; that we consider the Union of the States a sound and vital principle in our government, [and] all attempts to weaken the bonds of Union ought to be discountenanced by every friend of his country.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the United States recognizes commercial and maritime rights, as well as those of agriculture and manufactures, and equally defends all classes of citizens in their lawful employments; consequently, all laws which oblige any class of citizens to surrender their rights, or which abridge their privileges, unless the public good evidently requires it, must originate in an assumption of power not authorized by the Constitution. We cannot, therefore, approve that restrictive system or policy, which has for several years past been pursued by our rulers (however pure their motives may have been); which has driven thousands of our hardy citizens from their lawful employments, and deprived them of their customary means of subsistence; has discouraged the honest and industrious part of the community, and afforded ample means to gratify the cupidity of speculators and villains; and which has broken down that high spirit of enterprise, which was once our distinguishing characteristic and honor, destroyed our financial resources, and reduced us from the full tide of successful experiment to a state of national degradation and bankruptcy.

Resolved, That the territory of the United States is already sufficiently extensive for the operation of a republican form of government: a war of conquest cannot, therefore, be justified. If successful, it would be an acquisition of territory, [and would] hasten the dissolution of the Union; if unsuccessful, it would bring national disgrace and ruin.

Resolved, That the act of Congress of the 18th of June last, declaring war against Great Britain, was premature and impolitic. It was *premature*, because we are unprepared for such an event; more than fifty millions of the property of our citizens will thereby be exposed to capture and confiscation by the enemy, and thousands of the owners reduced from affluence to poverty; and our Government may be deprived of more than ten millions of revenue, which they might have received by permitting our citizens to return home with their property. Our western posts are surprised and taken; our little band of patriots destined for their defence, we fear, already made prisoners of war, and our whole frontier exposed to the ravages of a powerful enemy. It was *impolitic*, because we may lose thousands of lives and expend

millions of treasure in attempting to obtain by force rights, which, if attainable, could better be secured by negotiation than by the sword. But above all, we deprecate the war because we should be more exposed to the intrigues and influence of the great Tyrant of Europe, whose friendship is 'a pestilence that walketh in darkness,' and whose alliance is 'a destruction that wasteth at noon-day.'

Resolved, That the freedom of speech and of the press are rights that cannot be surrendered; that we hold ourselves amenable to the laws, [and] are entitled to the protection of Government, through the medium of courts of law and justice; and all other modes of trying and punishing any supposed violations of duty, are subversive of all law and government, and, in effect, anarchy and rebellion.

Resolved, That the late outrages at Baltimore, and more especially the encouragement and support [that] the rioters have received from the administration newspapers and men of high standing with those in power, indicate a disposition in the majority to destroy the liberty of the press, coerce public opinion, and put down by force those who dare to speak or publish their opinions of the ruinous tendency of their measures.

Resolved, That while we frown indignantly upon all riotous and seditious assemblages of men, to overawe the laws or prevent their execution, we will use all constitutional means to co-operate with our sister Towns and States, to promote public tranquility and restore the blessing of peace, as soon as may be consistent with the honor and interest of our Nation.

Resolved, That we consider a change of men and measures indispensable to the safety and welfare of the country, and believe it our duty, and the duty of every friend to our rights and liberties, to use all honest, constitutional means to elect men to office, whose principles of government accord with those of Washington,—honest, capable, and friends to the Constitution."

The above resolutions having been adopted, it was voted to send delegates to a county convention, if necessary, and that the proceedings of the meeting should be signed by the moderator and town-clerk, and published in *The New Hampshire Sentinel*.

At the meeting held Nov. 2, the same year, to vote for electors of President and Vice-President, the Federal candidates received each 207 votes (excepting John Goddard, who had 228), and the Republican candidates, with one exception, 84 votes each.

If any men enlisted from Chesterfield in 1812 and '13, their names are not known. It is probable that very few went into the army during the first two years of the war.

The people of New Hampshire having become thoroughly alarmed on account of the depredations of the British at various points on the Atlantic coast, Gov. Gilman issued an order, under

date of Sept. 9, 1814, for the whole of the militia "to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moment's warning, completely armed and equipped according to law, and as well provided as possible with blankets and ammunition." An order had already been issued, two days before, for detachments from twenty-three regiments of the militia. These orders were received by the militia with great enthusiasm, and were promptly obeyed. The men detached in accordance with the order of Sept. 7, were duly organized into several regiments and battalions, which formed one brigade under the command of Gen. John Montgomery. The first draft was made in Chesterfield, Sept. 13. The names of the men thus obtained were as follows :

Amos Stone, Sergeant.

Eli Darling, Corporal.

PRIVATES.

Joshua Wiggins.

Montgomery Darling.

Francis Winch.

Isaac Wetherby.

Stephen Streeter, Jr.

Ezra Putney.

Roswell Metcalf.

These men were to serve three months, unless sooner discharged. They formed part of Capt. Nathan Glidden's company, in the first regiment of detached militia, commanded by Col. Nat. Fisk, of Westmoreland. Capt. Glidden was of Unity. Eli Darling was discharged November 3 ; Joshua Wiggins and Isaac Wetherby, November 10. Montgomery Darling was accidentally hit by a bayonet on the gun of a fellow soldier, and lost the sight of one eye from the effects of the wound. He was discharged Nov. 6.

The next draft was made Sept. 26, and the following men obtained :

Samuel L. Draper.

John Bass.

Daniel Stearns.

Philip Bacon.

Elijah Lyons.

Lyman Toms [Tombs].

The men obtained by this draft, formed a part of the company commanded by Capt. Reuben Marsh, of this town, in the second regiment of detached militia. Ara Hamilton and Bradley Mead, also both of Chesterfield, were lieutenants in the same company. Capt. Marsh and Lieutenants Hamilton and Mead went to Portsmouth with the detachment, which was five days in marching to

that place. Samuel L. Draper went as a substitute, but, on his arrival at Portsmouth, Capt. Marsh procured for him the position of fifer for the company. John H. Fuller, then of Chesterfield, afterwards of Keene, was adjutant of the regiment to which Captain Marsh's company belonged. The men were to serve sixty days, but they were discharged a few days before the expiration of their term of service. Elijah Lyons was discharged Nov. 3. The British did not attack Portsmouth, as was anticipated, and the greater part of the troops that had assembled there were discharged before their term of service expired.

The war between the United States and Great Britain having ended early in the year 1815, there were no more calls for soldiers from Chesterfield, till the breaking out of the Great Rebellion, in 1861.

CHAPTER VI.

From 1815 to 1865.

Prosperity of the Town during the First Half of the Period Embraced in this Chapter—Decrease of Population—Incendiary Fires: "Committee of Vigilance" Appointed, and Rewards Offered for the Detection of the Incendiaries—The War of the Great Rebellion: Votes Passed by the Town relating to the Dependants of Enlisted Men, the Payment of Bounties, etc.—Record of the Citizens of Chesterfield Who Enlisted in the Military Service of the United States during the War.

The history of the town during the period embraced in this chapter, contains but little of especial interest, till the breaking out of the War of the Great Rebellion, in 1861. During the first half of this period the town was probably as prosperous as at any time in its history: trade and agriculture flourished, mills were busy, the Academy attracted students from abroad, and even lawyers could earn a livelihood in the town.

The maximum population of the town during this period was in 1820, when it numbered 2110, or 51 less than in the year 1800. This number was not long maintained, however; for, owing to the establishment of manufactories in towns having more water-power, and the opening of new settlements in the great West, many families removed from the town, to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

From 1820 to '30, the town lost only 64 inhabitants; from '30 to '40, it lost 281. The total decrease in population from 1820 to '65, must have been about 750.

Between 1845 and '51, a series of unpleasant events occurred in the town, for which a *few* evil-disposed persons alone were wholly responsible. In 1845 or '46, the buildings belonging to Ira Wetherbee, situated on "Wetherbee Hill," were burned, evidently by an incendiary fire. A lawsuit followed respecting the insurance on the buildings, in which unpleasant relations between Wetherbee and some of the citizens were brought about. Then followed a series of incendiary fires at, or near, the Centre Village,—two barns and a store belonging to Asa Marsh, a barn belonging to Charles Darling, and the old meeting-house being burned between the time of the burning of Wetherbee's buildings and March, 1851. An unsuccessful attempt was also made to burn a barn belonging to Elias Mead.

The old meeting-house having been burned on the first day of March, 1851, the town voted, at the annual meeting for that year, (held March 11,) to instruct the selectmen to offer a reward of \$500 for the detection of the incendiaries who burned it, and another of \$500 for the detection of those who burned Charles Darling's barn. A "Committee of Vigilance" was also chosen at the same meeting, consisting of twelve persons, to detect and bring to justice, if possible, the supposed incendiaries.

At a special meeting held on the fourth day of June following, it was voted to discharge the "Committee of Vigilance" chosen at the annual meeting from further duty, and to authorize the selectmen to appoint a new one consisting of seven persons, whose duty it should be "to ferret out and bring to justice, if possible, the person or persons who have, or may hereafter, set fire, or attempt to set fire, to any building in this town."

In accordance with this vote, the selectmen appointed a committee consisting of the following persons: Jay Jackson, Oscar Coolidge, J. C. Goodrich, Samuel D. Clark, William Bennett, Mark Cook, R. G. Tyler.

This committee commenced, and prosecuted, a series of investigations, which appear to have led them to believe that they had discovered some of the guilty parties, but which never resulted in the conviction of any person.

The chairman of the committee submitted his report to the town at the annual town-meeting for 1852. This report is recorded in full in the records of the town. The occasion which necessitated the formation of such a committee was a very unhappy one, and, as no good can result from a revival of the remembrances of this period in the town's history, it is left to the charity of future generations.

The breaking out of the War of the Great Rebellion may be regarded as a new era in the history of the town, as well as in that of the nation.

The military spirit that had so long lain dormant was again aroused, and men of all political beliefs laid aside their differences for a while, and joined with one another in their efforts to sustain the general government in the attempt to put down the most formidable rebellion recorded in the annals of the world. Chesterfield furnished during the war upwards of one hundred and ten men for the Union army, of whom seventy-four were residents of the town; the rest were not citizens of Chesterfield, but were hired by the town to fill its quota, or by individuals as substitutes.

At a special town-meeting held Nov. 19, 1861, it was voted to instruct the selectmen to borrow the sum of \$500, to aid the wives, children or parents of any inhabitant of the town who had enlisted, or might afterwards enlist, in the service of the United States, provided such persons were dependent on him for support, at the time of his enlistment, and were in need of aid. Each person so aided was to receive one dollar per week, provided that the sum of the payments to the persons constituting a family did not exceed \$12 per month.

At a special town-meeting held Aug. 26, 1862, the town voted to pay all its citizens who would enlist, or had enlisted, in the service of the United States, for the term of three years, under the call for 300,000 men, a bounty of \$200 each; and for the term of nine months, a bounty of \$100. These bounties were to be paid, however, only to a sufficient number of volunteers to fill the quota of the town.

At a special town-meeting held Sept. 26, 1863, the town voted to pay the sum of \$200 to any person (residing in the town) who had been, or might be within two years, drafted into the service of the United States, within ten days after he, or his substitute, had been mustered into said service.

It was also voted to furnish aid to the dependants of enlisted men, under the existing restrictions.

Nov. 30, the same year, another town-meeting was held, at which it was voted to pay any citizen of the town who would enlist under the recent call for troops by the Governor, a bounty of \$300. The selectmen were also instructed to appoint an agent to secure men enough to fill the town's quota (which was fifteen), wherever they could be found, provided the sum paid each man, as a bounty, did not exceed \$300. It was also voted that the agent "be authorized, if necessary, to advance the amount of the government and state bounty to each volunteer, and take an assignment of the same in favor of the town."

At a special town-meeting held June 10, 1864, the selectmen were authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding \$15,000, for encouraging volunteer enlistments. They were also instructed to secure not less than fifteen volunteers, to be credited to the town as a part of its quota on any further call. It was also voted "to raise the sum of \$425, in addition to the sum already raised, to be paid to each man who has been, or may be, drafted into the military service of the United States, in ten days after he, or his substitute, is mustered into said service."

At another special meeting held the 27th of the same month, it was voted to pay \$100 in addition to what was voted in September, '63, to each man who might be drafted within two years from the time said vote was passed, (i. e., Sept. 26, 1863.)

At a special town-meeting held Aug. 29, the same year (1864), the following vote was passed: "That the selectmen be authorized to pay any citizen of said town, who has resided therein three months, who will enlist into the military, naval or marine service of the United States, for the term of one year, the sum of \$500, or for the term of two years, the sum of \$700, or for the term of three years, the sum of \$900 to the extent of the number required to fill the quota of said town under the present call; and that the selectmen be instructed to pay the above named bounties immediately upon said volunteers being mustered into said service."

The above vote was repassed at a special meeting held the 24th of the next December, and the selectmen were authorized to borrow \$7000, to pay the bounties. It was also voted to pay any enrolled citizen of the town, who would procure an acceptable substitute, and cause him to be mustered into the military service of the United States for the term of three years, the sum of \$300, and to advance the state bounty, taking an assignment in favor of the town; also, to pay all necessary expenses incurred in procuring said substitute.

The votes passed Dec. 24, 1864, relating to the payment of bounties, the procuring of substitutes, etc., were rescinded at a special town-meeting held April 12, 1865.

Of the whole number of soldiers furnished by Chesterfield during the war, about 40 were substitutes and men hired to fill the quota of the town in accordance with the vote passed Nov. 30, 1863. Only one of the substitutes was a resident of Chesterfield; the rest (together with the men employed in accordance with the vote just mentioned) were mainly "brokers' men," and belonged, in great part, to the class of men so well known during the war as "bounty-jumpers."

With very few exceptions, those persons who were citizens of the town at the time of their enlistment served till they were honorably discharged.

The following record of the soldiers furnished by Chesterfield during the civil war contains only the names of those who were actually residents of the town at the time of their enlistment. It has been carefully compiled from the records of the town, from the reports of the Adjutant General of the State, and from information derived from private sources.

RECORD OF THE CITIZENS OF CHESTERFIELD WHO ENLISTED IN
THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING
THE WAR OF THE REBELLION (1861-'65).

[NOTE.—In the following record a star (*) is placed after the names of the men who were mustered for the term of one year, or, in some cases, after the word *mustered*; all the rest were mustered for the term of three years. V stands for *Volunteer*. Unless otherwise stated, it is to be understood that each volunteer was mustered as a private.]

BANCROFT, CLINTON A. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.

BANCROFT, NORRIS E. Mustered in Co. F, 8th Reg't Me. V. Infantry, Aug. 14, 1861. Mustered out Jan. 18, 1866.

[At the time of his enlistment he was less than fourteen years old, and he served 4 years, 5 months and 4 days. Of this term, he served 2 years and 20 days as a re-enlisted veteran. The company to which he belonged was engaged in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, and at one time was continually under fire, and on the march, for 100 successive days.]

BRITTON, BRADFORD. Mustered as Musician in Co. E, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Nov. 28, 1861. Discharged for disability, June 16, 1862.

BRITTON, GEORGE B. Mustered in Co. E, 20th Reg't Mass. V. Infantry, Aug. 8, 1861. Was transferred to the 2d Reg't U. S. Cavalry, Dec. 27, 1862. Was taken prisoner at the battle of Ball's Bluff, Va., Oct. 21, 1861, and was confined at Mayo's Tobacco Factory, Richmond, about three weeks; at Belle Island about six weeks; at Salisbury, N. C., about five months. Was captured again near Winchester, Va., Aug. 16, 1864, and confined a few days at Richmond, and then at Salisbury, N. C., where he remained till Feb. 22, 1865.

BUTLER, ROSWELL. Mustered in Co. E, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Nov. 28, 1861. Discharged for disability, June 16, 1862.

BUTLER, JOHN H. Mustered in Co. A, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 22, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.

- COBB, RICHARD T. Enlisted in Co. B, 12th Reg't Mass. V. Infantry, April 23, 1861. Discharged by reason of expiration of term of service, July 8, 1864. Wounded in the chin. Was taken prisoner at the battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 1863, and confined at Belle Island, near Richmond, Va., till March 8, 1864, when he was exchanged, having suffered much from sickness, and ill treatment by the Rebels.
- COLBURN, WARREN. Enlisted in the 11th Reg't Vt. V. Infantry, October, 1863. Was taken prisoner, and died in the Rebel prison at Andersonville, Ga., Oct. 4, 1864.
- CONVERSE, JULIUS C. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Dec. 29, 1863. Mustered out July 8, 1865.
- CROUCH, NELSON S.* Mustered in Troop F, 1st Reg't N. H. V. Cavalry, Feb. 28, 1865. Mustered out July 15, 1865.
- DARLING, CALVIN G. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.
- DAVIS, MURRAY. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Dec. 29, 1863. Discharged July 18, 1865. At the battle of Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864, he was wounded by a grape-shot in the left leg, about half way between the ankle and knee. For several hours he lay within the enemy's lines, but, the Rebels having been driven back, he was picked up by Union soldiers, in the evening, and passed the night on the battle-field. On the third day after receiving the wound, his leg was amputated by Federal surgeons, at Winchester town.
- DAVIS, NOYES J. Enlisted in the 2d Reg't of Berdan's Sharpshooters, December, 1861. Served three years. Wounded in the right wrist at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va.
- EDDY, GEORGE P. Mustered in Co. A, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, May 31, 1861. Discharged for disability, Nov. 9, 1862. Re-enlisted in the 2d Reg't Mass. V. Artillery, Aug. 7, 1863. Discharged Aug. 9, 1865.
- FARNUM, JOHN M. Mustered in Co. F, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Dec. 29, 1863. Discharged for disability, Jan. 25, 1865.
- FARR, CHARLES M. Mustered in Co. A, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, May 31, 1861. Discharged for disability, Oct. 23, 1862.

Re-enlisted for the town of Newport, and was mustered in Troop C, 1st Reg't N. H. V. Cavalry, April 11, 1864. Promoted to First Sergeant. Promoted to Second Lieutenant, June 10, 1865. Mustered out as First Sergeant, July 15, 1865.

FARR, CHARLES R. Mustered in Co. F, 1st Reg't Vt. V. Cavalry, Nov. 19, 1861. Promoted to Commissary Sergeant of the company, Oct. 29, 1862. Discharged by reason of expiration of term of service, Nov. 18, 1864.

FARR, RANSOM C. Mustered in Co. F, 1st Reg't Vt. V. Cavalry, Nov. 19, 1861. Discharged for disability, Dec. 19, 1862. Drafted, and mustered in Troop G, 1st Reg't N. H. V. Cavalry, July 21, 1864. Promoted to Sergeant. Mustered out July 15, 1865.

FARR, BRADFORD C. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Discharged for disability, Feb. 4, 1863.

FARR, WESLEY O. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Promoted to Corporal, Feb. 1, 1864. Discharged for disability, Jan. 20, 1865.

FARR, LARKIN D. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Dec. 29, 1863. Mustered out July 8, 1865.

FARR, CHANCEY S. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Dec. 29, 1863. Discharged July 26, 1865.

At the battle of Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864, he was taken prisoner, and confined a few days in the Pemberton Tobacco Factory, at Richmond, Va., having been deprived, together with his fellow-prisoners, of the most of his clothing, his blanket, haversack, canteen and money. From the 4th of November following, till Feb. 20, 1865, he was confined in the "prison pen" at Salisbury, N. C. This prison contained an area of about four acres, and was surrounded by a stockade of plank about twelve feet high. At one time about ten thousand prisoners were crowded into this enclosure, in which were a four-story cotton factory building and seven small buildings. The buildings were used as hospitals, while the so-called "well" prisoners lived in tents, and in holes dug in the earth; while a great many had no shelter at all.

Mr. Farr says: "Many would lie down to sleep in exposed places, never to awake. I saw one man who died by a fire, whose feet were half burned off. Seven of us united, and commenced to dig a hole on the first day after our arrival. This we made about four feet deep, about eight feet long and six feet wide, with a fire-place in one corner, covering it with three pieces of 'shelter tent.' Our rations here were about the same as in Richmond, excepting the quantity of meat, which we received once in a week or ten days instead of every day. But many days they 'forgot' to give us anything, and upon others gave us only half the usual allowance. During the four months that I remained, the average death rate was about one-thousand a month, ninety-six having died in one day! There were eight of my regiment here after my arrival, and only two of us lived to return home."

Hundreds of the prisoners were without hats, coats or shoes; yet many of them were obliged to pass their days and nights in the open air, often exposed to storms of rain or snow. Those who survived the atrocious treatment to which they were subjected, were at length liberated, weak, haggard and emaciated.

FAULKNER, STEPHEN P.* Mustered in Co. C, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 31, 1864. Discharged, June —, 1865.

FIELD, JAMES C. Enrolled in Co. C, 17th Reg't U. S. Infantry. Sept. 16, 1861. Discharged for disability, Jan. 20, 1863.

FIELD, FRANCIS A. Enlisted in the 17th Reg't U. S. Infantry, Sept. 16, 1861. (Record incomplete.)

FISK, HARRISON F. Mustered in Co. E, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Nov. 28, 1861. Discharged for disability, Aug. 25, 1862.

FRINK, OSCAR T. Mustered in Co. E, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 17, 1861. Discharged ———

GILSON, CALVIN P. Mustered as Musician in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.

GLAZIER, WALTER W.* Mustered in Co. C, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 31, 1864. Mustered out May 30, 1865.

GOODRICH, JAMES H., 2D.* Mustered in Troop F, 1st Reg't N. H. V. Cavalry, March 8, 1865. Mustered out July 15, 1865.

GOODRICH, JOHN F. Enlisted in Co. A, 14th Reg't U. S. Infantry, September, 1864. Served three years.

- GOODWIN, JOHN H. Mustered as First Sergeant in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Promoted to Second Lieutenant, Feb. 17, 1865. Mustered out July 8, 1865.
- HARVEY, CHARLES L. Mustered in Co. F, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 2, 1861. Discharged for disability, Nov. 29, 1862.
- HASTINGS, FOSTER W. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Promoted to Corporal, Nov. 1, 1864. Mustered out July 8, 1865.
- HASTINGS, HERBERT R. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Discharged for disability, Aug. 13, 1863.
- HASTINGS, EUGENE. Mustered as Corporal in Co. A, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 22, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.
- HENRY, HUBBARD W. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Died of disease, at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 7, 1864.
- HERRICK, DWIGHT L.* Mustered in Co. C, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 31, 1864. Promoted to Corporal. Mustered out June 10, 1865.
- HIGGINS, SIDNEY B. Mustered in Co. E, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, November or December, 1861. Discharged for disability, — — —. Re-enlisted, and was mustered as Sergeant in Co. E, the same Reg't, Dec. 24, 1863. Promoted to First Lieutenant, March 6, 1865. Mustered out July 17, 1865. Wounded Oct. 1, 1864.
- HILDRETH, JOHN W. Mustered in Co. E, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Nov. 28, 1861. Discharged for disability, Sept. 29, 1862.
- HILDRETH, GEORGE L. Mustered in Co. E, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Dec. 7, 1861. Discharged for disability, July, 1862.
- HILL, TAYLOR E. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.
- HOLT, FRANK J.* Mustered in Co. A, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 13, 1864. Mustered out June 10, 1865.
- HOLT, JOSEPH.* Mustered in Co. F, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Oct. 28, 1864. Mustered out May 18, 1865.

HOPKINS, GEORGE. Enlisted in various organizations. (Record incomplete.)

HOSLEY, WAYLAND N. Enlisted in the 4th Reg't Vt. V. Infantry, in 1861. Served three years or more.

HOWE, HENRY H. Mustered as Sergeant in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.

HOWE, BARTON, JR.* Mustered in Co. C, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 31, 1864. Mustered out June 10, 1865.

JACKSON, ROBERT. Enlisted in a Mass. Reg't, September, 1864. Served till the war ended. Severely wounded in the mouth.

LEWIS, CHARLES B. Enrolled in Co. C, 17th Reg't U. S. Infantry, Sept. 17, 1861. Discharged for disability, Jan. 21, 1863. Re-enlisted, and was mustered* as Corporal in Co. E, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 26, 1864. Promoted to Sergeant, June 1, 1865. Mustered out June 10, 1865.

LEWIS, REUBEN A.* Mustered in Co. A, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 20, 1864. Mustered out July 8, 1865.

LINCOLN, LUCIAN O. Mustered as Corporal in Co. F, 5th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Oct. 23, 1861. Discharged for disability, July 7, 1862. Re-enlisted, and was mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Oct. 2, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.

LINCOLN, HORACE S. Mustered in Co. F, 11th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, July 28, 1864. Transferred to Co. F, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, June 1, 1865. Mustered out July 17, 1865.

MARTIN, JAMES M. Mustered in Co. D, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 17, 1861. Died of disease, at Harrison's Landing, Va., Aug. 11, 1862.

MCCLENNING, HENRY J. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Died of disease, at Washington, D. C., Aug. 7, 1863.

RICHARDSON, J. MILO. Enlisted in the 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, but did not leave the State. Was soon discharged for disability.

- ROBBINS, DANIEL E. Mustered in Co. F, 6th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Nov. 28, 1861. Re-enlisted as a veteran, and was mustered in the same Co., Jan. 4, 1864. Mustered out July 17, 1865. Wounded severely in the head at the battle of Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864.
- SAFFORD, OTIS. Mustered in Co. K, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 2, 1861. Mustered out July, 1864. Re-enlisted, and was mustered* in Troop F, 1st Reg't N. H. V. Cavalry, Feb. 28, 1865. Mustered out July 15, 1865. Wounded in the right leg, just above the ankle, at the second battle of Bull Run, Va.
- SAFFORD, NORMAN D. Mustered in Co. E, 5th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Nov. 28, 1861. Discharged for disability, Oct. 6, 1862. Re-enlisted, and was mustered* as Sergeant in Co. E, 18th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 24, 1864. Promoted to First Sergeant, April, 1865. Mustered out June 10, 1865.
- SAFFORD, LEAVITT W.* Mustered in Troop F, 1st Reg't N. H. V. Cavalry, March 16, 1865. Mustered out July 15, 1865.
- SCOTT, OTIS H. Mustered in Co. F, 5th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Oct. 23, 1861. Discharged for disability, Dec. 22, 1862.
- SCOTT, GEORGE D. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Mustered out July 8, 1865.
- SNOW, HENRY HERBERT. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Discharged for disability, May 25, 1863.
- STODDARD, JAMES S. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. Promoted to Corporal, Sept. 26, 1863. Promoted to Sergeant, Feb. 12, 1864. Mustered out July 8, 1865. At the battle of Winchester, Va., he was hit five or six times in different parts of his person or clothing, one bullet entering his mouth and knocking out several teeth.
- STREETER, EDWIN H. Mustered in Co. I, 9th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 15, 1862. Promoted to Corporal, March 1, 1865. Mustered out June 10, 1865.
- STREETER, ALBERT W. Mustered in Co. I, 9th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 15, 1862. Died of disease at Falmouth, Va., Feb. 6, 1863.

STREETER, HERBERT N. (Brother of Albert W.) Mustered in Co. I, 9th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 22, 1862. Died of disease, at Aquia Creek, Va., Feb. 7, 1863.

STREETER, MARSHALL S. Mustered in Co. F, 14th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Sept. 23, 1862. At the battle of Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864, he was wounded in the left leg, just above the knee, and died from the effects of the wound the 9th day of the following October, at Baltimore Hospital.

TITUS, HERBERT B. Commissioned Second Lieutenant of Co. A, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, June 4, 1861; and First Lieutenant of the same Co., June, 1862. Promoted the 14th of the same month to Major of the 9th Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, and to Lieut. Colonel —, —, —. Commissioned Colonel of the same regiment, Nov. 22, 1862. Discharged Sept. 27, 1864. Re-instated by Special Orders No. 377, par. 18, War Department, Nov. 1, 1864. Mustered out June 10, 1865.

At the battle of Antietam Creek, Md., Sept. 17, 1862, he was severely wounded in the right shoulder. March 15, 1865, he was appointed Brigadier General by brevet, "for gallant and meritorious services during the war."

TYRREL, DAVID B. Mustered in Co. A, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, Aug. 24, 1861. Mustered out Aug. 24, 1864.

TYRREL, EVERETT C. Mustered in Co. D, 2d Reg't N. H. V. Infantry, September, 1861. Discharged for disability, May, 1863.

WALTON, DAVID S., JR. Enlisted Sept. 11, 1861, in Co. I, 1st Reg't Berdan's U. S. Sharpshooters. Discharged for disability, Dec. 10, 1862.

WARREN, LYMAN H. Enlisted in the 17th Reg't U. S. Infantry, Sept. 16, 1861. Appointed Second Lieutenant in the same regiment, Oct. 13, 1862. Brevetted Captain, July 2, 1863. Appointed Captain, Oct. 25, 1865. Slightly wounded in one of his feet at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va. He died at Houston, Texas, Sept. 18, 1867.

WHEELER, ALONZO W.* Mustered in Troop F, 1st Reg't N. H.
V. Cavalry, March 8, 1865. Mustered out July 15, 1865.

Of the 74 men whose names have been given above :

None were killed in battle.

One died from the effects of a wound received in battle.

Ten were wounded and survived.

Six died of disease.

The amount of the bounties paid by the town during the war was \$24,600.

Twelve persons were drafted and paid a commutation of \$300 each, and 27 furnished substitutes at an expense of from \$100 to \$400 each.

CHAPTER VII.

The District Schools and the Academy.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

The schools are mentioned for the first time, in the records of the town, in the warrant for the first town-meeting of which there is any record, held the second Tuesday in June, 1767. The second article of the warrant was, "To see whether the town will raise money to defray town charges and hire schooling." At that time the town had not been divided into wards, or districts, and what few schools there were, were taught in private houses. The sum of money raised for schooling in 1767 (if any was raised), was not recorded; but at the annual town-meeting held in March, 1771, it was voted to raise 15 pounds for that purpose. From 1771 to '79, the amount raised annually seems at no time to have exceeded 50

pounds. During the next five years, the town was in a more or less disturbed condition, and little or no money appears to have been raised for the support of schools.

At a town-meeting held May 29, 1771, a committee was chosen to divide the town into school-wards; but the wards, as laid out by the committee, were not accepted by the town. In 1774, another attempt was made to establish school-wards, but apparently without success. In 1776, several wards were laid out by a committee chosen for the purpose, and accepted by the town; but the number was not recorded. It was also voted to allow each ward to employ their own instructor.

Dec. 15, 1785, it was voted to re-divide the town into school-wards, and a committee was chosen for that purpose. Nineteen wards were laid out, which were accepted by the town, March 29, 1787. Frequent changes were made in the lines of the wards previous to 1815, about which year the term "school-district" was adopted in place of "school-ward." In 1792, a new ward was formed in the eastern part of the town, in which were Reuben Lewis, Josiah Torrey and nine others. In 1807, ward No. 17 (in the north-west corner of the town) and a part of No. 18 were annexed to ward No. 1. The other part of ward No. 18 seems to have been annexed, at the same time, to No. 11. In 1810, wards 2, 3 and 16 were united, probably under the name of ward No. 2. In 1817, districts No. 19 and No. 11 were united; and all that part of No. 1 that lay south of Catsbane brook, was united with a part of No. 2, to form a new district (now No. 3).

Although many alterations have been made in the lines of the school-wards since 1787, a few of the present districts are, in great part, the same as at that date. District No. 1 has always included the West Village; No. 5, the greater part of the Centre Village. Factory Village, which is, at present, included in district No. 13, seems originally to have been in "ward" No. 14.

When, or where, the first school-house was built in Chesterfield, has not been discovered. It is doubtful if one was built before 1785, and probably only a few had been erected by the year 1800. The oldest school-houses now standing, appear to have been built between 1800 and '12. The one in district No. 7 is known to have

been built about 1810. The school-house in district No. 1 originally stood on what is now the north-eastern part of the cemetery, near the West Village; but it was removed to the site of the present one early in this century. The present house, which is, at least, the third one the district has had, was built in 1865.

The little square school-house, with "hip-roof," which stood formerly near the old graveyard, at the Centre Village, is probably one of the oldest school buildings in the town. Into it were crowded, for many years, the youth of that village, and forced "to yield obedience to the rod." It has been disused for school purposes, however, for many years; but in spite of its dilapidated condition, and the slight regard which the youth of the present day have for it, it enjoys the proud distinction of having sent forth into the world many of the ablest men that the town has produced.

The present school-house at Factory Village, which is, at least, the second one that has been built in district No. 13, was erected in 1848. The one in district No. 10 was built in 1860; that in No. 9, in 1828; the new one in No. 3, in 1880.

Before school-houses were built, the schools, as stated above, were taught in private houses. At one time, near the beginning of the present century, the school in district No. 7 (the "Hardscrabble district,") was kept in Gibson Willard's barn. Many of the schools at that time were larger than at present. In the winter of 1816 and '17, the little school-house in the district last mentioned is said to have been occupied by at least 80 scholars! Other schools are said to have had (from 1800 to 1830) nearly 100 scholars each. The largest number of scholars in one school is, at present, about 60.

The average number of scholars attending school each year previous to 1847, has not been ascertained; but it is evident that, at times, it must have been about double what it is now. Since 1847, the number for each fifth year has been as follows: 1847, 438; '52, 342(?) ; '57, 436; '62, 355; '67, 300; '72, 265; '77, 225. The greatest number attending school in 1880, was 245.

The amount of money raised yearly by taxation for the support of the district schools was, from 1785 to '98, usually £100; from '98 to 1805, \$400. From 1805 to '47, the amount raised annually appears to have varied from \$440 to \$800; from '47 to the present

time, it has varied from \$800 to \$1500. Since 1829, each district has received annually a portion of the "literary fund," this town's share of which has averaged, for a number of years, not far from \$100.

The greatest number of districts in which schools have been maintained since 1817, has been, apparently, sixteen. At present the number is fourteen.

The largest district at present, in respect to the number of scholars, is No. 13, which includes Factory Village. The school in this district is divided, in the winter, into two departments—primary and senior. District No. 1 ranks second in number of scholars; No. 5, third.

For many years it was the practice to have a school committee consisting of, at least, three persons. The first committee of this kind, mentioned in the town records, was chosen at the March meeting in 1811, when Rev. Abraham Wood, Phineas Handerson and Levi Jackson were selected by the town "to inspect the schools" the ensuing year. The practice of appointing a superintendent of schools, instead of a committee, was adopted about 1852, since which time the following persons have served as superintendents:

1852, John Q. A. Marsh; '53, John B. Fisk; '54, James H. Goodrich; '55, '56, Barton Skinner; '57, Otis Amidon; '58, '59, Rev. Jeffries Hall; '60, Rev. Nelson Green; '61, Rev. Jeffries Hall; '62, Rev. Thomas L. Fowler; '63, Timothy N. Robertson; '64, Rev. Thomas L. Fowler; '65-'67, Rev. Jeffries Hall; '68, Hermon C. Harvey; '69, Rev. Oliver G. Woodbury; '70, Fred-eric B. Pierce; '71-'75, Rev. Jeffries Hall; '76, Rev. Edward P. F. Dearborn; '77-'79, Rev. Jeffries Hall; '80, (school-committee) Rev. Wm. W. LeSeur, Rev. Jeffries Hall, Rev. Hiram B. Morgan; '81, Rev. Hiram B. Morgan.

CHESTERFIELD ACADEMY.

On the 12th day of January, 1790, the Legislature of New Hampshire passed an act entitled "An Act to incorporate an Academy in the Town of Chesterfield, by the name of the Chesterfield Academy." In the preamble of the act, it is stated that "the education of youth has ever been considered by the wise and good as an object of the highest consequence to the safety and happiness of a

People ;" also, that " Peter Stone of Chesterfield, gentleman, and sundry other persons, have voluntarily contributed certain sums of money for the purpose of establishing and supporting a public school, or academy, in said Chesterfield."

The first section of the act sets forth the object of the Academy—" the promoting piety and virtue, and the instruction of youth in such branches of useful Literature as the trustees hereby appointed shall think proper to direct." The same section also empowered Rev. Abraham Wood, Solomon Harvey, physician, Moses Smith, Esq., Silas Richardson, Zur Evans, Simon Willard and Abner Johnson, gentlemen, all of Chesterfield, to act as trustees.

The third section provided that " Abraham Wood and other trustees, as aforesaid, and the longest livers and survivors of them, and their successors, be the true and sole visitors, trustees and governors of the said Academy, in perpetual succession forever."

The fourth section fixed the number of trustees at not less than seven, nor more than eleven ; and provided that the major part of them should be " laymen and respectable freeholders."

In the sixth section, provisions were made for the holding, by the trustees, of real and personal estate, *provided* the annual income of the real estate should not exceed 500 pounds, and the annual income of the personal estate should not exceed 2000 pounds ; " both sums to be valued in silver at the rate of six shillings and eight pence by the ounce."

It was enacted by the eighth and last section, that all estate, personal and real, held within this State for the use of the Academy, should be exempt from taxation ; and that students of the Academy should also be exempt from paying a poll-tax.

The first meeting of the trustees was held Feb. 26, 1790. Abner Johnson was chosen secretary, and Alpheus Moore a trustee.

At the second meeting, held the 1st day of the following April, it was voted to petition the General Court " for the grant of 2000 pounds by lottery." Alpheus Moore, Zur Evans and Moses Smith were appointed managers of the lottery.

The following is the record of a meeting held the 13th of the next December (1790) :

" According to adjournment, the Corporation of the Chesterfield Academy met at Capt. Willard's, and agreed with Capt. Simon

Willard and Capt. Zur Evans, to confer with the president of Harvard College respecting a preceptor, and desire him to apply to some gentleman and ascertain the terms on which a preceptor would engage for one year; and if an opportunity presented, to inform the chairman of the corporation respecting the matter."

It has usually been stated that the Academy was not opened till August 14, 1794. The Academy building may not have been used till that date, although it is impossible to ascertain the date of its commencement or completion.

May 6, 1790, the town voted to allow the trustees of the Academy to put a building on the common, for the use of the school; but the records of the institution do not show when the building was begun or finished. There are, however, reasons for believing that the school may have been opened before the date given above. The records of the Academy show that, August 31, 1791, the trustees voted to hire Sheldon Logan* "to instruct in the Academy for the term of one year," and to give him 80 pounds for his services. July 4, 1792, they voted that the afternoon of every Wednesday, for the rest of the year, should be "a vacation." Why did they vote to have a "vacation," or half-holiday, if there was no school?

The Academy having been opened, it continued for many years to be one of the most useful and popular institutions in Cheshire County. It was a common practice, in the earlier years of the Academy, for the trustees to grant the use of the Academy building, and sometimes other property, to certain persons, on condition that they should actually employ an instructor and keep the school in operation. Persons to whom the Academy was thus intrusted, were styled "adventurers." Thus, Sept. 5, 1800, the trustees voted "to give the privilege of the Academy house, for the term of one year, beginning on the 8th day of instant September, to Abraham Wood, Zenas Fairbanks and others, as adventurers in hiring a preceptor to keep a school in said house for the term of one year; also, the use of the glebe-land for the term of one year, on condition that said adventurers do actually provide a preceptor to keep said school, and likewise that they keep the house in as good repair as it now is—natural decays excepted."

*It is certain that Mr. Logan was taxed in Chesterfield in 1793 and '94 (and no other year), which seems to indicate that he was here for some purpose before August, 1794.

At the June session of the Legislature in 1808, an act was passed granting a lottery to the trustees, for the benefit of the Academy. Elijah Dunbar, Esq., Benj. Cook, John Putnam and Phineas Handerson were chosen managers of this lottery; but there is no record of the amount of money that was obtained for the benefit of the school. It seems that the estate held by the trustees for the use of the Academy, never produced an income sufficient to support the school; and sometimes even the income and tuition fees together amounted to less than the expenses. The expenses for the year ending April 20, 1809, amounted to \$433.25, and the receipts to \$316.75. The "adventurers" were thus obliged to make up a deficiency of \$116.50.

Sometimes the trustees would agree to pay the instructor a certain sum, and allow him to have all the tuition fees he could collect. On these terms, they engaged the late Hon. Asa Keyes, of Brattleboro, as preceptor for one year, commencing April 16, 1810.

The next year, he received \$400 for his salary; but the tuition fees were probably collected by the trustees.

The number of "adventurers" was, in 1814, *one hundred*, and the deficiency to be made up by them amounted to \$88.67. It certainly speaks well for the public spirit of the leading men of the town, that so many were willing to assist in maintaining the school.

There was another way of obtaining funds which, at the present day, would be deemed quite novel in the case of an educational institution. Sept. 11, 1818, the trustees voted "that Capt. Benj. Cook sell to the highest bidder the privilege of selling liquor on the common, on exhibition day, and that the money so raised be applied to building the stage and paying Mr. Hardy a balance of about \$9, due him for arrearages of board for the last year."

In 1806, the trustees of the Academy adopted by-laws for the institution. The following abridgement contains all of their most important provisions:

ART. 1. No student was to be admitted for a shorter term than six weeks, nor to pay less than \$1.50 for tuition.

ART. 2. Any student absent without permission, or unable to give a satisfactory reason for his absence, was liable to pay a fine of 25 cents for each day's absence, or be otherwise punished.

ART. 3. Every student was to pay 25 cents per week for tuition, and was to be held accountable for any damage done to the property of the Academy, or of any person.

ART. 4. Students were forbidden to dispute or contradict the preceptor, or use indecent language in his presence.

ART. 5. When the preceptor entered or left a room, whether in the Academy building or elsewhere, all students present were to rise, and stand until he had taken a seat, or until they were permitted to sit.

ART. 6. Students were required to observe the same conduct toward the trustees as toward the preceptor. Any student refusing to do so, was to be dismissed as "unworthy of a seat within the walls devoted to science."

ART. 7. Students were obliged to keep themselves clean and neat; their apparel must be decent; "their conversation chaste, and their diversions polite." They were not to keep cards or dice, nor play at "games of hazard," nor frequent public houses.

ART. 8. Students were required to attend church, if practicable, on the sabbath. They were forbidden to have any play or sport on that day, or "to treat with contempt any religious institution, sect or denomination of Christians, the sacred scriptures, or any divine ordinance whatever."

ART. 9. Students were commanded to cultivate friendship with one another, and kindly feelings "toward mankind in general."

ART. 10. Diligence in studies, and good order in the school-room, were to be observed.

ART. 11. No student who had not had previous instruction, under a competent teacher in the art of declaiming, was to be allowed to take part in the exhibitions of the Academy, until he had been a member for at least twelve weeks.

ART. 12. All students to whom parts might be assigned in any public exhibition, were obliged to make careful preparation, "in order to perform their parts accurately and preserve the reputation of the Academy."

ART. 13. No student was permitted to attend any other school without the consent of the preceptor or trustees.

The article regulating the price of tuition was changed from time to time; but no other important change was made in the by-laws till 1834, when that portion of article 5, which required students to rise and stand when the preceptor entered a room *not* in the Academy building, was repealed. Some other changes were also made.

The seven persons empowered by the Act of Incorporation to serve as trustees, chose, during the year 1790, three additional trustees, namely, Alpheus Moore, Rev. Aaron Hall and Dr. John Campbell. Rev. Aaron Hall was of Keene. He was ordained pastor of the First Congregational church of that town, Feb. 18, 1778, and died Aug. 12, 1814. He resigned the office of trustee of the Academy about 1810.

Of the seven original trustees, Rev. Abraham Wood seems to have resigned only a few months before his death, which took place in October, 1823; Dr. Harvey, in 1794; Moses Smith, in 1806; Zur Evans, in 1801; Simon Willard, in 1808; Abner Johnson, in 1811. Silas Richardson was removed by death in 1803. Dr. Oliver Baker was chosen to fill the vacancy in the board of trustees caused by Rev. Mr. Wood's resignation; Oliver Brown, Benj. Cook, Jacob Amidon, Dr. Oliver Atherton, John Putnam and Benj. Joslyn, to take the places of the other members of the original board.

The property held by the trustees for the use of the Academy seems to have consisted almost wholly of real estate. This estate consisted, about the beginning of the present century, of a part, if not all, of the glebe-land. Lot No. 1, in the first range, was afterwards (if not at the same time) held by the trustees. No other property, except the Academy building and its appurtenances, is mentioned in the records of the institution.

The names of all the preceptors have not been ascertained, owing to the imperfect condition of the record, but some of them were as follows:

The first preceptor appears to have been Sheldon Logan. Mr. Logan may have been engaged to teach previous to 1794; but, be that as it may, it is certain that, Aug. 14, 1794, he began to teach in the Academy building, having been engaged for the term of one year, at a salary of 100 pounds, to be paid quarterly.

John Noyes was preceptor two years, commencing Sept. 1, 1795. Mr. Noyes was born at Atkinson, April 2, 1764; graduated at Dartmouth College, in which institution he was, for a while, a tutor. From 1800 to '17, he resided in Brattleboro, where he engaged in trade. In 1817, he removed to Dummerston, where he resided until '21, when he removed to Putney. In 1815, he represented the southern district of Vermont in the Congress of the United States. He died Oct. 26, 1841. (For sketch of his life see History of Brattleboro, Vt.)

Broughton Wright(?) was preceptor one year, from Aug. or Sept. 1797.

Levi Jackson was engaged for one year, commencing Sept. 16, 1799, at a salary of \$166.66. The engagement was renewed in 1800, and in 1801; after which, he was engaged for the term of three years. (*See Family Histories.*)

Daniel Hardy taught one year, at least, beginning in the autumn of 1805.

Isaac Fletcher, a student of Dartmouth College, was preceptor in 1808. Mr. Fletcher afterwards practised law at Lyndon, Vt. In 1812, he married Abigail, daughter of Peter Stone, Sen., of this town.

Jonathan Hartwell was preceptor in 1809.

Asa Keyes was preceptor two years, commencing April 16, 1810. He was born in Putney, Vt., May 30, 1787, and fitted for college at the Academy of which he was afterwards preceptor, as above stated; graduated at Dartmouth College in 1810; studied law, and was admitted to the Windham (Vt.) county bar in 1814. In 1833, he removed from Putney to Brattleboro, where he died June 4, 1880, at the great age of 93. At the time of his death he was the oldest living graduate of Dartmouth College, and the oldest lawyer in Vermont. He was a man of great ability and strength of intellect. He married, in 1815, Sarah, daughter of Asa Britton, Esq., of Chesterfield. (For a pretty complete sketch of his life see History of Brattleboro.)

— M'Conihe appears to have taught six months in 1812.

Otis Hutchins was preceptor two years, at least, commencing in the autumn of 1812. In the spring of 1820, he was engaged again for the term of three years. His salary was to be raised, in part, by subscriptions, which could be paid in cloth, provisions, wood, etc. In 1814, he remitted the amount of his wages for three months, after deducting the cost of board for that time, on condition that the trustees would devote the same to repairing the Academy building. Mr. Hutchins was the son of William and Sarah (Whitman) Hutchins, of Westmoreland, and was born Jan. 10, 1781. He prepared for college at the Academy of which he was afterwards preceptor; was licensed to preach in 1808, but was not ordained. From 1815 to '19, he was principal of the Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden. He died in Westmoreland, Oct. 6, 1866.

Elisha S. Plumb, was preceptor in 1815 and '16.

Thomas Hardy was preceptor in 1817, '18 and '19. Miss Hannah W. Mead was his assistant in 1817; Miss Mary B. Read, in 1818. Mr. Hardy was again engaged in 1834 for the term of ten years, beginning the first Monday in April of that year. He was

to receive, as salary, all the tuition fees, and was to have the privilege of selling books and stationery to the students. On the other hand, the trustees agreed to furnish fifty dollars' worth of apparatus for the use of the Academy, and to provide twenty-five days' work, each year, for Mr. Hardy's farm. He was, however, released from his engagement, at his own request, Feb. 6, 1838.

Mr. Hardy was one of the most efficient and respected teachers ever connected with the Academy, and the following brief sketch of his life may be of interest to the reader.

Thomas Hardy was born in Dublin, this State, Oct. 23, 1784. He fitted for college, in part at least, at the Chesterfield Academy, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1812. After a year spent in reading law, he began to teach and, as already stated, was engaged to teach in the Academy in this town in 1817, '18 and '19. From 1819 to '29, he was a successful teacher of large private schools in Boston. He next spent four years in Dover, where he had, for a time, a private school for large scholars, and was principal of the Franklin Academy. From Dover he removed to Keene, where he taught a private school in the winter of 1833 and '34. In the spring of the latter year he came to Chesterfield again, to teach in the Academy, as has already been stated.

He did some of his best work in this town, and taught very little after leaving it.

Six thousand seven hundred persons were under his instruction during his career as a teacher, in all the schools under his care. He was an excellent Latin and good Greek scholar, and was faithful and thorough in the discharge of his duties. He died March 3, 1864.

George Freeman was preceptor three months in 1822 (after Aug. 20.)

Rev. John Walker taught at least six months in 1823.

John Chamberlain was preceptor in 1824.

Josiah W. Fairfield was preceptor in 1824, '25, and perhaps in '26. He was a native of New Boston, this State, and graduated at Dartmouth College in 1827; read law in this town, and with Hon. Elisha Williams, of Hudson, N. Y., where he settled, becoming a prominent and wealthy citizen. In 1829, he married Laura, daughter of Asa Britton, Esq. He died at Hudson, Dec. 3, 1878.

Edward P. Harris was preceptor in 1827 and '28; Oliver M. Smith, in '30; James W. Emery, in '31.

Charles L. Strong was preceptor in 1832, and probably in '33; and again in '41, '42, '43 and '44(?) (*See Family Histories*).

John E. Butler, of Jamaica, Vt., was an assistant teacher in 1833. He afterwards became a distinguished lawyer and prominent man in that State.

Samuel H. Price was preceptor in 1838 and '39; Nathan Kendall, in '45, '46 and '47.

Since 1850 the school has been in a comparatively feeble condition, and has usually been in operation only one term each year.

For many years after its incorporation, the Academy was regarded as one of the best schools in the State, ranking second, it is said, for a number of years, to Phillips Academy, at Exeter. It was attended by students from all the neighboring towns, and some came from great distances, even from the Southern States. Many of those who sought instruction within its walls, became, later in life, eminent in the various trades and professions.

The institution was fortunate in securing the services of some very able teachers; and to this circumstance must, in great part, be attributed its popularity and success. Those of its students who still survive, look back with pleasure to their student days, and hold in grateful remembrance the "Old Academy." A physician who now resides in one of the great western states and who attended the Academy in his boyhood, writes as follows: "The Chesterfield Academy will always be held dear to memory, as more of the remembrances of those days of youth come fresh to my mind, when I think of my native town." With regard to his school-mates, he adds: "Many of them are dead, and others distributed in various directions over this wide world. Occasionally I hear of some one of them, but less and less frequently as years roll by."

The exhibitions that were given by the students of the Academy, during its period of greatest prosperity, are recalled to mind by the older inhabitants of the town, and by those of the participants who survive, as notable incidents in the history of the school, and even of the town. The earliest exhibitions took place at a period beyond the memory of all but the very oldest inhabitants; but that they

were creditable to the school, is inferred from the careful preparation that the students were obliged to make, "in order to perform their parts accurately and preserve the reputation of the Academy." (*See By-Laws, Art. 11 and 12*). The exhibitions usually took place in the old meeting-house, at the Centre Village, and were attended by large numbers of people, many coming from the neighboring towns. A temporary stage was built in front of the pulpit and enclosed in curtains. On this stage were acted tragedies, comedies and farces; and the master-pieces of the great orators of all nations, were recited. Few theatres were probably ever more popular with the dwellers in a large city, than were these exhibitions with the inhabitants of Chesterfield and the neighboring towns.

The program was often very extensive, and sometimes consisted of three parts,—for the forenoon, the afternoon, and the evening, respectively. The following synopsis of the "Order of Exercises" for an exhibition given Nov. 19, 1846, will serve to illustrate this point:

Forenoon (beginning at 9 o'clock)

- 1st. Prayer.
- 2d. Music.
- 3d. Salutatory Oration (Latin).
- 4th. Introductory Piece.
- 5th. Comedy—"Lost and Found." (Fifteen characters.)
- 6th. Declamation.
- 7th. Declamation.

Afternoon.

- 1st. Oration.
- 2d. Dramatic Play—"Lady of Lyons." (Twelve characters, officers and servants.)
- 3d. Declamation.
- 4th. "Cantilena."
- 5th. Farce—"State Secrets." (Six characters.)
- 6th. "Facetia."
- 7th. Declamation.

Evening.

- 1st. Oration.
- 2d. Farce—"Rendezvous." (Nine characters.)
- 3d. Declamation.

- 4th. Tragedy—"Venice Preserved." (Seven characters, officer, guards and conspirators.)
- 5th. "Cantus."
- 6th. Declamation.
- 7th. Comedy—"Rip Van Winkle." (Fourteen characters, and mountain demons.)
- 8th. Closing piece.
- 9th. Valedictory.

In 1819, the trustees decided to abandon the custom of having annual exhibitions, stating as their reason for such decision, that the time spent in preparing for them could be more profitably devoted to the regular studies. But a practice that had become so firmly established, could not easily be done away with, and was afterwards resumed. The following sketch written by Mr. Chas. C. Hardy, of Dover, son of Prof. Thomas Hardy, so faithfully describes the exhibitions given by the Academy students about half a century ago, that it is inserted here :

"It should be understood that a great portion of the students were grown up persons—I remember one who was twenty-seven years of age—who had gone through all the studies of the common schools, and were, many of them, nearly fitted for college. Discussions as to whether there would be an exhibition that term, its advantages, its disadvantages, and the details of the affair, were rife in the early autumn, and went forward with cumulative interest as the days passed on.

"The decision having been made, the plays to be enacted were at once selected, the parts assigned, and written out,—there being generally only one book for the use of all who had parts in any one play.

"Then followed rehearsals of a very informal character, at any odd time, when a few of the actors could be brought together.

"A fortnight, or more, before the great day, the old meeting-house would be taken possession of, square timbers laid on the tops of the old-fashioned 'pen' pews, a good floor laid on the timbers, posts erected at the corners, from the tops of which wires were strung for the curtains. Then the rehearsals began in good earnest. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and sometimes evenings of the other week days, and every available moment of time, except Sunday hours, were improved; the lower windows of the church being darkened, and its doors secured. These rehearsals were, to those engaged in them, the very best part of the whole affair. When the day was close at hand, a carpet was borrowed and spread over the stage. (I do not think there were more than five carpets in the whole town, in those days, and it was almost impossible to get one.) Frames of wood, covered with cloth, with two light doors for entrance and exit, were set up for scenes; and, 'the

night before,' a grand full-dress rehearsal, to which a favored few were admitted, was had. By nine o'clock of the following morning, not an inch of sitting or standing room could be had in the church. I remember that, on one occasion, the galleries had what a sailor would call 'preventer posts' set up, to keep them from falling.

"At a little after nine, the curtains of three sides of the stage would be drawn back, and the whole board of trustees, black-coated and solemn, could be discovered sitting in awful dignity on a row of chairs at the back of the stage. Then followed a prayer—which we always thought too long—by some clergyman of the place; then a few short recitations—we called them 'single pieces'—and at last the real business of the day began.

"I remember that the tragedy of 'Douglas'; the tragedy of 'Pizarro'; that grand, old high-comedy, 'The School for Scandal'; the 'Golden Farmer'; the 'Omnibus'; Goldsmith's 'She Stoops to Conquer'; and some scenes from Shakespeare's 'As You Like It',—were put on the boards in what I considered, and now consider, pretty good style.

"The performances lasted till nearly eleven o'clock at night, and were closed by a valedictory from one of the oldest and best scholars."

The original Academy building, which appears to have been occupied for the first time in 1794, stood on the south-eastern part of the common, at the Centre Village, a few rods from the old meeting-house. It was a two-story building, and somewhat larger than the present Academy building and school-house, which stands on about the same place. It had a belfry but no bell. April 9, 1859, it was burned to the ground, and a new one was erected the same year by school-district No. 5 and the trustees of the Academy, on condition that the same should be used both for the district school and for a high school or academy.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Churches.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The First Congregational Church of Chesterfield was probably organized in 1771. The oldest records of this church have been lost, but considerable light is thrown upon its early history by the records of the town. (*See Chap. II.*) The first settled minister was Abraham Wood, who came from Sudbury, Mass., at the age of about twenty-four years. (*See Family Histories*). As has already been stated, John Eliot had preached "on probation" before Mr. Wood came to Chesterfield. For some reason which he did not see fit to make public, Mr. Eliot declined to accept the invitation to become the settled pastor of the church. The following was his letter of declination:

"To the Selectmen of Chesterfield, in the Province of New Hampshire.

GENTLEMEN:—I have received a call from the inhabitants of Chesterfield to settle among them, in the gospel ministry, and having taken the same into most serious consideration, for various most important reasons that have their residence in my breast, you receive an answer to said call in the negative. So, wishing that all the dealings of Divine Providence might be sanctified to you and the people of this place, I rest yours in the fellowship of the gospel.

JOHN ELIOT.

Chesterfield, 20th Jan'y, 1772."

Mr. Wood having received an invitation to become the pastor of the church, in accordance with the vote of the town passed Oct. 12, 1772, accepted the call, and wrote the following letter of acceptance:

"To the Church and Congregation of Chesterfield.

GENTLEMEN:—As you were pleased sometime past to give me an invitation to settle among you in the work of the gospel ministry, I have taken the matter into mature deliberation and serious consideration, and because I esteem it an affair of the utmost importance, I have been asking that wisdom from

above which is profitable to direct; and because in the multitude of counselors there is safety, I have asked the advice of my Reverend Fathers in the ministry, as well as the advice of other Christian friends,—and now am ready to inform you that I accept of your invitation.

Being sensible of my inability for such an important undertaking, and confident of your good will toward me, I ask an interest in your applications to the Throne of Grace, that I may have that wisdom imparted to me from above, from time to time, that may be necessary rightly to conduct in this important service; that I may be the happy instrument of promoting the Redeemer's Kingdom in this place where Satan's seat so lately was; that the wilderness may be made to blossom as the rose; that here many sons and daughters may be born unto God, and that I may be a great blessing unto you and your children yet unborn; that I may be so happy as to save both myself and those that hear me.

So, wishing you the divine presence and direction in all your proceedings, I conclude, assuring you that, however I may be wanting in other respects, you shall never have just reason to suppose but that your best interests and welfare lie near my heart. In token hereof, I subscribe myself your friend, etc.

ABRAHAM WOOD.

Sudbury, Nov. 17th, 1772."

Mr. Wood was ordained the 31st day of the next month, and for *half a century* was the sole pastor of the First Congregational Church. Not till he had entered upon the fifty-first year of his ministry, did he have any assistance in his labors. Having become, a few months before his death, unable to attend to his pastoral duties, Rev. John Walker was installed as colleague-pastor, April 30, 1823. Mr. Wood retained his ministry, however, till his death, which took place Oct. 18, the same year. During his pastorate, 324 persons united with the church, either by profession or by letter, including those who were members when he was ordained. Of this number, 131 were males, 193 females. The number of persons baptized was 765. The largest number baptized in one year (1819) was 64. The same year, 47 persons were admitted to the church,—which was the largest number admitted in one year. At the time Mr. Walker was installed as colleague-pastor, the church had 113 members, and eight more were admitted during the year.

For the first nineteen years of his ministry, Mr. Wood received an annual salary of 65 pounds. At the annual town-meeting in March, 1792, it was voted to make his salary 80 pounds. From

1800 to 1822, the average sum raised yearly by taxation for the support of preaching, was about \$275. After the latter date, no taxes were assessed for the support of religious instruction. The Bill of Rights adopted by the people of New Hampshire in 1783, declares that "no person of any one particular sect or religious denomination shall ever be compelled to pay towards the support of the teacher or teachers of another persuasion, sect or denomination." Persons had occasionally been exempted from paying minister-rates before the adoption of the Bill of Rights, on producing a certificate showing that they were members of some other evangelical church: but about the beginning of the present century, many persons took advantage of the declaration quoted above, and refused to be assessed for the support of the Congregational church. In the year 1800, the names of 47 tax-payers were recorded in the records of the town as being the names of persons who were members of the "Universal Restoration Society," and consequently exempted from paying minister-rates. In 1802, the names of 31 tax-payers were recorded as being members of the "Republican Society," and therefore "not holden by law to pay taxes for the support of Congregational ministers." After 1822, considerable difficulty was experienced, some years, in raising money enough to pay the salaries of the pastors, and several of them asked to have their pastoral relations with the church dissolved, on account of the inability of the latter to pay the stipulated salaries.

Besides Rev. Abraham Wood, the First Congregational Church has had the following pastors:

Rev. John Walker, who was installed as colleague-pastor, April 30, 1823, came from Greenfield, this State. He was retained as pastor, after Mr. Wood's death, till April 22, 1829, when he was dismissed at his own request.

Rev. Elihu Smith was installed as pastor, May 23, 1832. He was dismissed, at his own request, Dec. 2, 1834.

Josiah Baliard was ordained as pastor, Aug. 5, 1835. His pastoral relations with the church were dissolved in the spring of the following year.

From 1836 to '42, the pulpit was supplied, most of the time by Rev. Hosea Beckley, formerly of Dummerston, Vt. (*See Family Histories.*)

Benjamin E. Hale was ordained as pastor, Aug. 31, 1842. He was dismissed, at his own request, Nov. 11, 1847.

From 1847 to '52, the society was without a regular pastor; but services were held a part of the time, the pulpit being supplied by different preachers.

Rev. Ebenezer Newhall commenced his labors as acting pastor, July 23, 1852. He resigned his position, July 2, 1854.

From 1854 to '58, the society was again without a regular pastor; but, during the larger portion of this interval, the members attended the services of the Methodist church.

Rev. Jeffries Hall began his duties as acting pastor, April, 1858. He resigned his position, April, 1866, since which time the society has had no regular pastor.

Mr. Hall was born in Cornish, Feb. 3, 1802. He graduated at Amherst College in 1829; at the Andover (Mass.) Theological School in 1832; was ordained at Hopkinton, Mass., in 1833. He married, June 19, 1833, Sarah F. Swift, of Andover, Mass., who died, Nov. 18, 1877. Mr. Hall still resides in Chesterfield.

The present Congregational meeting-house was occupied for the first time, in November, 1834. Previous to that date, all services had been conducted in the meeting-house that stood on the common, at the Centre Village. This meeting-house, or the "old meeting-house," as it was called after the new one was built, was, till 1830, the only meeting-house in the town. It stood about thirty-five feet south of the site of the present town-house, and was about sixty feet long and forty-five feet wide. It was two stories high, with two rows of windows, and had a projecting bell-tower on the west end, and a porch on the east end. Originally, however, as appears from the records of the town, there was a porch on the west end, also, but no bell-tower; for, June 2, 1815, a committee was chosen to sell "pew-ground" in the meeting-house, remove the *west* porch of the same, and use the proceeds to build a belfry, according to a vote passed by the town, March 10, 1807. A bell was also purchased and placed in the belfry. This bell, in accordance with a vote of the town passed March 12, 1816, was rung on week-days at noon and at nine o'clock in the evening. The principal entrance to the building was at the middle of the south side. From this entrance a broad aisle led to the pulpit, which was located in the

middle of the north side of the building, at an elevation of several feet above the ground-floor. Above the pulpit hung the sounding-board, and in front of it, on the ground-floor, was an enclosed seat, called the "deacons' seat." There was, also, a row of square pews next to the wall, extending entirely around the inside of the house, except at the entrance passages and where the pulpit stood. The other pews, below, were arranged in about the same order as they usually were in meeting-houses of the last century. In front of the outer row of pews, or "wall pews," was a continuous aisle. Above, there was a gallery on the east and west ends, and south side, with rows of pews. For very many years there were no stoves in the building, except the little "foot-stoves" that some of the worshippers used to carry to church with them in cold weather, and which were replenished, during the intermissions, with live coals at the neighboring houses. The date of the erection of the frame of the old meeting-house has not been ascertained; but it is certain that it was put up before March, 1770. (*See Chapter II.*) By whom it was erected, is uncertain; but it appears quite probable that Col. Josiah Willard, the leading grantee of the town, caused it to be erected, and then presented it to the town. But, be that as it may, it is certain that the frame was covered, and the building finished, at the expense of the town, as is shown by the records of the same.

As early as 1780, the town voted to allow horse-sheds to be built on the north side of the common, near the meeting-house; and in 1804, to allow certain persons to build sheds along the west side of the old grave-yard. Between the east end of the meeting-house and the grave-yard, was a large horse-block, an indispensable thing in the days when women, as well as men, went to church on horse-back. On the first day of March, 1851, at one o'clock in the morning, the old meeting-house was burned to the ground by an incendiary fire. A strong westerly wind was blowing at the time, which bore the cinders and burning fragments of wood far to the eastward, setting fire to the dead grass, (for there was no snow on the ground), and thus causing several acres of land east of the Centre Village to be burned over, and endangering the safety of other buildings.

For upwards of four score years had it braved storm and tempest, and the ravages of time, to fall by the hand of a Vandal!

THE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The "Universal Restoration Society" was organized as early as 1798, and perhaps earlier. As already stated, this society had, in the year 1800, 47 members who were tax-payers. The annual meetings for the choice of officers were regularly held for many years before the society was incorporated; but services seem to have been held only now and then, as opportunities occurred. In June, 1818, fifty-five members of the society petitioned the Legislature to be incorporated into a society under the name that had already been adopted. The petition was granted, and an act passed incorporating Oliver Baker, Stephen Streeter and Jonathan Cochran, with their associates and successors, into a society to be known as the "Universal Restoration Society." Previous to the building, in 1830, of the meeting-house in the west part of the town, the Universalists held their meetings for worship, for the most part, in private houses and school-houses; for the town would not vote to grant them the use of the meeting-house at the Centre Village, for any purpose whatever, till 1816, when they were allowed to hold a convention in it. January 2, 1830, the town voted to allow the Universalists to use the meeting-house every alternate Sabbath, for one year. The same year, the house now occupied by them, at the West Village, was built. The money for building it was obtained mostly by the sale of pews. Several persons of the Baptist persuasion also bought pews, on condition that they should be allowed the use of the house a part of the time for worshipping in their own way.

The names of very few of the Universalist preachers who preached in Chesterfield previous to 1830, are now known.

At a meeting of the society, held March 31, 1800, it was voted "to have preaching," and a committee was chosen to provide the same.

March 16, 1801, it was voted that the members should pay one shilling and six pence each, for the purpose of hiring a preacher, or preachers. At the annual meeting of the society, held April 6, 1819, it was voted "that if there shall be any deaths in the society, there shall be a preacher of this order provided to attend the funeral at the expense of this society." At that time (1819) the society had about 60 members.

January 2, 1822, it was voted to hire Robert Bartlett, of Langdon, to preach five Sundays during the year, provided he could be engaged for \$5 per Sunday.

In 1823, '24, '25 and '26, the society appears to have had preaching only four Sabbaths each year.

At the April meeting, in 1828, arrangements were made to hire Rev. Wm. S. Balch to preach every fourth Sabbath during the year ensuing, if he could be engaged for \$80.

The pastors of the Universalist society have been since 1830, as nearly as can be ascertained, as follows :

Rev. Philemon R. Russell preached every alternate Sabbath for about two years, (between 1830 and '35.) He resided in Winchester, where he also preached half the time.

In 1835, '36 and '37, the Universalists united with the Unitarians in hiring Rev. Stephen A. Barnard to preach. Mr. Barnard preached alternately in the old meeting-house, at the Centre Village, and at the West Village.

Rev. Charles Woodhouse was pastor from 1838 to '41. He resided in Westmoreland, where he preached half the time to the Universalists of that town.

After Mr. Woodhouse, Rev. Wm. N. Barber preached a while.

In 1843, Mr. Woodhouse was again pastor. Rev. Josiah Marvin, of Alstead, was pastor in 1844 and '45.

From about 1851 to '54, Rev. Edwin H. Lake was pastor. He resided in Westmoreland, and was also pastor of the Universalist society in that town, preaching there every alternate Sabbath.

From 1854 to '56, Rev. Hymen B. Butler was pastor of the society in this town and that in Westmoreland, in which town he resided.

Rev. Sullivan H. M'Colleston, D. D., of Marlboro', was pastor from 1857 to '62. He resided in Westmoreland, where he preached every alternate Sabbath, and where, some of the time, he had a school.

From 1862 to '70, Rev. Oliver G. Woodbury was pastor. Mr. Woodbury resided a few years in Westmoreland, where he also preached half the time, but afterwards removed to this town. In May, 1872, his house was burned to the ground, and he removed soon after to Salem (this State.)

From 1871 to '77, Rev. Joseph Barber, of Alstead, was pastor, residing in Westmoreland, and preaching there half the time.

From 1878 to '81, Rev. Hiram B. Morgan, of Rochester, Vt., a graduate of the Theological School, at Canton, N. Y., was pastor. Mr. Morgan was ordained in Chesterfield, January, 1879.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

No records of this church have been found, but it is known that Nathan Worden, a preacher of this denomination, settled in the town as early as 1787. (*See Family Histories.*) Mr. Worden preached not only in Chesterfield, but adjoining towns. In June, 1819, a society was incorporated under the name of the "First Baptist Church."

As has already been mentioned, several persons of the Baptist persuasion had an interest in the new meeting-house, built in 1830, at the West Village, and for several years the Baptists held their services in it.

The names of only a few of the Baptist preachers have been ascertained.

One of the earliest preachers of this denomination at Factory Village, is said to have been Joseph Wilbur. Ebenezer Stearns used to give him, as his share of the sum raised to hire him to preach, five dollars in money, and a dinner (together with half a mug of toddy) every Sunday that he preached. So asserts, at least, one of the octogenary residents of that village. Soon after the meeting-house at the West Village was built, a Baptist revivalist, named Andrews, preached in it a while; and afterwards a preacher of the name of Crane, and another of the name of Monroe. Elder — Mann, Elder — Elliott and Elder Levi Dunham, Baptists, have also preached in the town at different times. This organization has been practically extinct, however, for many years.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Methodism was introduced into New England, in 1789, by Jesse Lee. As early as 1793, Lee visited Chesterfield, and from that time to the present it has been a preaching place.

In 1796, the first circuit in New Hampshire was formed, and called the "Chesterfield Circuit." Philip Wager was appointed to

travel this circuit alone, which numbered at that time only 68 members. The names of very few of the earliest preachers of this denomination, in this town, have been ascertained.

Rev. Jonathan Nichols, of Thompson, Conn., preached here at an early period.

Rev. Martin Rutter is said to have preached his first sermon in James Robertson's house, probably seventy-five years ago, or more.

One of the earliest Methodist preachers at Factory Village is said to have been Rev. — House.

The organization of the present Methodist society dates from June 18, 1842. In 1844, the society built a meeting-house (the present one) at the Centre Village, the money for building it having been obtained by the sale of pews. Before that time, they worshipped in private houses, school-houses, and sometimes in the old Congregational meeting-house.

In 1839 and '40, Rev. C. L. M'Curdy preached for the Methodists of Chesterfield.

Since 1842, the pastors of the Methodist society have been, so far as ascertained, as follows:

In 1842 and '43, Rev. Alonzo Webster; '44 to '47, not ascertained; '48, Rev. C. Holman; '49 to '51, not ascertained; '52, Rev. D. P. Leavitt; '53, Rev. E. Adams; '54 and '55, Rev. J. Hayes; '56 and '57, Rev. A. K. Howard; '58 and '59, Rev. J. P. Stinchfield; '60, Rev. N. Green; '61 to '67, Rev. Thomas L. Fowler.

Mr. Fowler was born in Bridgewater, (this State), Oct. 10, 1823. He was educated at the New Hampton Institute, Bristol Academy, Hebron Academy, and the theological department of Newbury Seminary; joined the New Hampshire Conference of the M. E. Church, at a session held at Great Falls, April 29, 1858, and received his first appointment for Pottersville, now a part of Harrisville.

For three years (beginning with October, 1868,) he preached at Westport (Swanzy), and from October, '72, to October, '75, for the Congregational society at the South Village, in Westmoreland. In 1877, he preached half the time at the Universalist church in West Swanzy, and the other half at Westport. In '78, he formed a church at the latter place, which he was appointed by the Conference to supply during '79. In 1843, he married Miss Mary F.

Hazzelton, of Northfield, (N. H.), who died about three years afterwards. He married again, in 1848, Miss Nancy M. Giles, a native of Windsor, Me. He still resides in Chesterfield.

In '69, Rev. W. H. Cummings was pastor; '70, Rev. James H. Copp; '71, Rev. N. Fisk; '72 to '75, Rev. Andrew L. Kendall; '75 to '77, Rev. Edward P. F. Dearborn; '77, Rev. John A. Parker; '78 to '81, Rev. Wm. W. LeSeur.

For a number of years the Methodists have held services alternately at the Centre Village and at Factory Village. The meeting-house at the latter place was built in 1853. It is a "union" house, so-called, the expense of building which was defrayed by the sale of pews, which were purchased by Congregationalists, Methodists and Universalists, on condition that the different denominations should have the use of the house a part of the time proportional to the amount of money invested by each.

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.

There was, for a few years, a Unitarian church in Chesterfield, which was organized about 1834. It was composed, in part, of persons who had withdrawn from the First Congregational Church.

In 1835, '36 and '37, Rev. Stephen A. Barnard was employed (with the assistance of the Universalists) as pastor of the society.

Mr. Barnard, as already stated, also preached in the Universalist meeting-house, at the West Village. (*See Universalist Church.*)

While Mr. Barnard was in Chesterfield, the house in which he lived was burned to the ground, and everything he had in it, save the family bible, was destroyed.

This house stood on the site of the one afterwards owned and occupied by Marshall H. Day, now owned by Hermon C. Harvey.

There is now no considerable number of Unitarians in the town, and no services have been held by them for many years.

CHAPTER IX.

Miscellaneous Subjects.

The Early Settlers and Settlements—Social Customs, Games and Amusements—Population of the Town at Different Periods—Number of Horses and Cattle Owned in the Town at Different Periods—Mills and Manufactures—Stores and Merchants—Taverns and Hotels—Public Buildings—Post Offices—Roads and Ferries—Spafford's Lake, the Steamboat "Enterprise," etc.—Boating and Rafting on the Connecticut—Military Organizations—Physicians—Lawyers—Aged Persons—Paupers and the Town Poor—Farm—Public Cemeteries and the Common at the Centre Village—The Town Records and Names of Town Clerks from 1770 to 1881—Selectmen of the Town from 1767 to 1881, and Members of the N. H. House of Representatives from 1775 to 1881—Wild's Almanac—The Bard of Streeter Hill.

THE EARLY SETTLERS AND SETTLEMENTS.

It has already been shown that the first settlement in the town was made near the eastern bank of the Connecticut. (*See Chapter II.*) The settlers who came in during the first two or three years after 1761, appear to have located, for the most part, in the western and central portions of the town; but, by the year 1770, they seem to have been pretty evenly distributed over its territory, except in the easternmost parts of the same. As nearly as can be ascertained, there were very few settlers in the south-east quarter of the town previous to 1780, especially in that part of it known as "Hard-scrabble." From about 1780 to 1805, however, numerous settlers came into that quarter which, in spite of its ruggedness and rockiness, has produced some of the best citizens of the town.

The "New Boston" district, which may be roughly defined as comprising the upper half of the valley of Leavitt's brook, was partially settled before 1770. It appears to have possessed its maximum number of inhabitants between 1790 and 1800.

A settlement was established at an early period on Streeter hill, which had for many years a pretty numerous population. Even the "Dish Land," which lies to the northward of Streeter hill, was once partially occupied by settlers.

It is difficult at this late day to appreciate the hardships of the earliest settlers of the town. It is true they had little or nothing to fear from the Indians; yet they had to contend with want, cold, and wild beasts. There were no roads, and only marked trees and natural objects to guide the traveler. Some of the settlers came by way of the Connecticut, in boats or canoes; some came on horse-back, or even on foot, bringing their household goods in carts drawn by oxen. In the latter case, one or more persons had to go ahead of the team with axes, in order to cut away trees or brush that could not easily be avoided. Sometimes the women and children rode in the carts also.

The earliest settlers built, of course, log-houses; but, John Snow's saw-mill having been erected in 1762, some of those who came afterwards, built very small frame-houses. As the families became larger, or as the owners became more prosperous, many of the log-houses were replaced with better ones, or the small frame-houses were enlarged.

There are several houses now standing, in various parts of the town, the original portions of which must be considerably over one-hundred years old.

The work of clearing away the forest, in order to obtain land for cultivation and pasturage, was necessarily a slow and laborious one, on account of the large number of old-growth oaks, maples, beeches and other hard-wood trees.

The wood that was not needed for fuel was burned merely to get rid of it, or, sometimes, was converted into charcoal. Potash was also made, by some of the early settlers, from ashes that would otherwise have been of but little use, as the soil, in its original fertility, did not need additional fertilizing, except in a few localities. In the manufacture of potash, lye was first produced by leaching the ashes, which was then boiled in large kettles till the water was removed, the residue being potash. In old deeds and records, the places where potash was made were called "potashes" [potash-eries], and they appear to have been pretty numerous at one time.

The early settlers lived in a plain, frugal manner; in fact, they could not live otherwise, for the luxuries that are so easily obtained at the present day, could not then be had, especially in a newly settled region. They lived principally on beans, corn and rye-bread,

potatoes, pumpkins, milk, fish, and the flesh of deer and other wild animals suitable for food. Fish could be caught in abundance, and deer were pretty numerous for a while after the first settlement was made. According to tradition, the first settlers were obliged to go to Northfield, Mass., to get their grain ground, transporting it on the backs of horses, or even, in some instances, on their own backs. It is certain, however, that Cobleigh's grist-mill was erected as early as 1767, and perhaps earlier, so that the necessity of going so far to get grain ground, could not, it seems, have existed many years.

There is a tradition that, one or more winters in the early history of the town, some of the settlers in the western part of it were obliged to go almost to the extreme eastern part, to get hay for their horses and cattle, drawing it home on hand-sleds. The hay thus obtained had been cut in certain swales, and consisted of wild grass.

Wolves and bears were more or less troublesome to the early settlers, sometimes killing their sheep, pigs and calves. Wolves appear to have been numerous at one time, and even since the year 1800 have been occasionally killed in the town, as have also bears. It is said that John Darling, Sen., who first settled on Barrett hill, used to hunt these animals for the bounty that was paid for their destruction, and obtained considerable money in this way.

On one occasion a party of men from five towns assembled at the house of Abraham Stearns, in the eastern part of the town, for a grand bear-hunt. They succeeded in killing one bear, for which Mr. Stearns (probably in his capacity of selectman) gave them, as bounty, a barrel of rum valued at twenty dollars; and they remained at his house till they had drunk it all!

Though the early settlers were, in general, hardy and robust, they appear to have been as much afflicted by contagious and epidemic diseases as the later generations, and probably more so. Especially was this the case with the children, who suffered much from scarlet-fever and what was then called "throat-ail," a disease that appears to have been very similar to, if not identical with, diphtheria. Fevers of various kinds sometimes raged, causing many deaths among young and old. The crowding of large families into very small houses, and the want of means for combating disease, necessarily caused great mortality in the case of epidemic and contagious diseases.

The records of deaths are so few and imperfect that it is impossible to ascertain how many persons died in the town in any year when the mortality was unusually large; but the little grave-stones occasionally found standing in a row, or near together, in the old cemeteries, are sad evidences of the mortality that sometimes existed among the children. How many were buried to whose memory no stones were ever erected, no one can tell.

SOCIAL CUSTOMS, GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS.

In spite of the difficulties which the early settlers had to encounter, and the hardships which they had to endure, they were not without their games and amusements, and appear to have enjoyed life as much as their circumstances permitted. It is true that, about the beginning of the Revolution, and at the time of the controversy about the "Grants," society was in a more or less disturbed state; but, peace having returned, it resumed its usual condition.

At a very early period the fiddle, that characteristic instrument of every civilized community, found its way into the town.

Though its owner was able to play but a few tunes upon it, and those, too, in an imperfect manner, he was considered an indispensable personage at nearly every social gathering. Especially was this so after the population had become pretty numerous, and some of the log-houses, or small frame-houses, had been replaced with larger frame-houses containing "long kitchens," or, in some cases, small halls. For the "kitchen dances" one fiddler sometimes furnished the music, and two were considered as constituting a pretty good band; and when some third instrument was added, and the dancing took place in a little hall, the affair was deemed worthy of being called a "ball."

Balls were sometimes arranged as follows: A person desiring to give a ball of a "select" character, would make a list of the males whom he intended to invite, and another of the females whom he was willing that his male guests should bring as partners. From the list of females each male was allowed to select a partner. Ordinarily the gentleman and lady rode to the ball on the same horse, the lady on a pillion, behind her companion. Lavina Fisk, daughter of Aaron Fisk, once went to a ball with a young man, riding on a separate horse: a circumstance which was regarded by some as an evidence of extravagance!

Dancing has ever been a favorite amusement in the town, especially with the younger people. Many years ago, Stephen Streeter, Jr., in his poem entitled "Old Chesterfield," wrote :

"And as for amusements, we've many a sort ;
The young people dance, 'tis their favorite sport ;
While some are too lazy so briskly to stir,
And a game with their 'pasteboards' they therefore prefer."

Card-playing at one time degenerated into a positive evil among certain of the inhabitants, for gambling was pretty extensively practised, even as late as 1820 or '30, by some who were considered fairly respectable. It was carried on most at the taverns, where men congregated and played for liquor, and oftentimes for money.

Wrestling was for a long time a favorite sport with men and boys, and there were some noted wrestlers, among them Nathaniel Walton, Sen. Walton was a blacksmith, and a man of extraordinary physical strength, being able to pick up his anvil by the horn, and carry it a considerable distance. It is related that a celebrated wrestler who was traveling about the country seeking some one who could throw him, stopped in Chesterfield, where he found his match in Mr. Walton, who "laid him out handsomely."

On town-meeting days, training-days, at raisings and huskings, the best wrestlers generally wrestled for the championship.

"Ring-wrestling" and "snapping the whip" were sports in which even adult men engaged.

Playing at quoits was a much more popular sport formerly than at present, and the old-fashioned games of ball were played by men as well as boys.

"Raisings" and "huskings" often wound up with a "frolic," which did not always result so much from the *natural* hilarity of those who participated in it, as from the effects of the rum and brandy which nearly everybody freely imbibed on such occasions ; for it is useless to deny that the excessive use of alcoholic drinks, though they were much purer then than now, was a bane to society in the time under consideration. On such occasions as raisings, huskings and the like, men, young and old, would indulge in actions which, in their sober senses, they would have regarded as absolutely foolish.

“Quiltings” were long in vogue among the women of the town, and are, perhaps, not wholly out of fashion. They were occasions of much good cheer, and, of course, not attended with so much boisterous hilarity, as were like gatherings of men and boys.

The annual “bee” for drawing the minister’s wood was an occasion, also, for a pleasant social gathering. Sometimes the teamsters would vie with one another, to see whose team could draw the largest load. At the proper time, the pastor would invite them into his house, and treat them liberally with refreshments.

Though Chesterfield has never been a notably religious town, the different denominations have been pretty well represented, at times, as was set forth in the poem already quoted :

“And as for religion, we’ve many a kind ;
Each one supports that which does best please his mind ;
There are some are quite noisy, while others are still ;
Some hold to ‘election,’ and some to ‘free-will.’ ”

POPULATION OF THE TOWN AT DIFFERENT PERIODS.

1767. Total number of inhabitants, - - 365

(See p. 38.)

1773.	Unmarried men, 16 to 60,	-	-	-	55
	Married men, 16 to 60,	-	-	-	109
	Males under 16,	-	-	-	224
	Males 60 and upwards,	-	-	-	12
	Unmarried females,	-	-	-	220
	Married females,	-	-	-	120
	Widows,	-	-	-	7
	Slaves,	-	-	-	0

Total, 747

1775.	Males under 16,	-	-	-	241
	Males 16 to 50, not in the army	-	-	-	155
	Males above 50,	-	-	-	30
	Persons gone in the army,	-	-	-	36
	Females,	-	-	-	412
	Slaves,	-	-	-	0

Total, 874

1786. Total number of inhabitants, - - 1535

The number of inhabitants of the town in every tenth year since 1790 has been as follows:

1790,	-	-	-	-	-	1905
1800,	-	-	-	-	-	2161
1810,	-	-	-	-	-	1839
1820,	-	-	-	-	-	2110
1830,	-	-	-	-	-	2046
1840,	-	-	-	-	-	1765
1850,	-	-	-	-	-	1680
1860,	-	-	-	-	-	1434
1870,	-	-	-	-	-	1289
1880,	-	-	-	-	-	1173

NUMBER OF HORSES AND CATTLE OWNED IN THE TOWN AT
DIFFERENT PERIODS.

1787.	Horses,	-	-	-	-	-	135
	Oxen,	-	-	-	-	-	133
	Cows,	-	-	-	-	-	404
	Cattle 2 and 3 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	421
	“ 1 yr. old,	-	-	-	-	-	308
1799.	Horses,	-	-	-	-	-	200
	Colts 1 to 3 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	185
	Oxen,	-	-	-	-	-	204
	Cows,	-	-	-	-	-	532
	Cattle 2 and 3 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	563
	“ 1 yr. old,	-	-	-	-	-	503
1820.	Horses 5 yrs. old (or more),	-	-	-	-	-	204
	“ 4 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	33
	“ 2 and 3 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	52
	Oxen 5 yrs. old (or more),	-	-	-	-	-	249
	“ 4 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	121
	Cows,	-	-	-	-	-	682
	Cattle 2 and 3 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	587
1840.	Horses (4 yrs. old, or more),	-	-	-	-	-	280
	“ 2 and 3 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	28
	Oxen,	-	-	-	-	-	335
	Cows,	-	-	-	-	-	637
	Cattle 2 and 3 yrs. old,	-	-	-	-	-	661

1860.	Horses over 18 months old,	-	-	274
	Oxen, - - - - -	-	-	293
	Cows, - - - - -	-	-	569
	Cattle 2 and 3 yrs. old - - - -	-	-	712
1880.	Horses over 18 months old,	-	-	318
	Cattle over 18 months old, - - -	-	-	1190

MILLS AND MANUFACTURES.

The manufacture of any kind of wares or goods has never been very extensively carried on in Chesterfield; yet, it is proper to notice here some of the oldest mills, and some of the most important manufactures.

Saw-Mills.—The first mill erected in the town was undoubtedly John Snow's saw-mill. (*See p. 38.*) A grist-mill was also built near it at an early period. After the death of John Snow, in 1777, both mills were owned by his son Zerubbabel; and at the time of their destruction, in 1826, they were owned, in part at least, by the latter's son John.

One day late in the summer, or early in the autumn, of the year just mentioned, a heavy shower suddenly transformed the Catsbane into a roaring torrent. The dam of the fulling-mill that stood not far from the present residence of Mrs. Jannette Davis, at the West Village, gave way, and an enormous volume of water rushed down the brook, sweeping away everything that was unable to withstand it.

Not only were the saw-mill and grist-mill swept from their foundations and carried down the stream, but the bridge that spanned the brook a little way below the mills, and a distillery (also owned by Mr. Snow) that stood near the house in which Mrs. Mary E. Streeter now lives, shared the same fate.

Anson Hosley erected the present upper saw-mill at the West Village, now owned by O. R. Farr. It was originally located where W. W. Farr's saw-mill now stands, but was taken down and removed, a few years after it was built, to its present location.

The saw-mill now owned by Warren W. Farr, at the West Village, was built by Silas P. Yeager, in 1858.

About 1830, Wilder Harris and Nelson Hosley built a saw-mill a few rods from the mouth of the Lily Pond brook, which was in use many years. The same persons also built a shingle-mill near the mouth of the same brook.

About 1797 (apparently) Eldad Granger built a saw-mill and grist-mill on Leavitt's brook, near the foot of the "gulf road." In 1814, Edmond Farnsworth and Oliver Hastings moved the saw-mill to a place near the head of the road just mentioned. It has since been moved to where it now stands.

• James Robertson and Silas Thompson built a saw-mill, probably before the beginning of the present century, on the upper part of the Wheeler brook. It stood on the site of the one now owned by Benj. F. Pierce, and had several successors.

Jonathan Hildreth had a saw-mill on the upper part of Catsbane brook as early as 1770. Since that date, a saw-mill seems to have been located, most of the time, on or near the same place.

About 1800 (apparently), John Darling, Sen., built a saw-mill on Broad brook, which was used a number of years.

About 1836, Asa Fullam built a saw-mill on the same brook. This mill was burned in 1853, and afterwards rebuilt by Geo. L. Fullam.

About 1815 (perhaps), Josiah Torrey built a saw-mill in the southeastern quarter of the town, near the present highway leading from Factory Village to West Swanzey.

About the beginning of the present century, there was a saw-mill on Partridge brook, at what is now Factory Village, near the place where Geo. S. Fletcher's present residence stands. There was also a grist-mill connected with it, and both were owned, at one time, by Benj. Farwell. At that time there was a dam across the brook at that point.

At about the same time, there was a saw-mill where Pierce's bit-shop now stands, at the same village. The saw-mill now owned by J. W. Chamberlain, Jr., at Factory Village, was built by Ebenezer Stearns before 1825.

The steam saw-mill at the same village was built in 1872 by a company called the "Steam Mill Company." April 9, 1878, it was burned, but was rebuilt the same year by James H. and George Goodrich.

Grist-Mills.—The grist-mill that stood just below John Snow's saw-mill, has already been mentioned. It was built at an early period, but was probably not the first mill of the kind constructed in the town.

A grist-mill was built near the confluence of the Lily Pond brook with the Catsbane, as early as 1767, and perhaps earlier. (*See p. 39.*) It was owned by Eleazer Cobleigh, Sen. Upwards of fifty years ago, the stones of which the dam of this mill was constructed were removed, and used in making the abutments of the bridge over the Catsbane, a short distance south-east of Ransom Farr's house.

The grist-mill now owned by Warren W. Farr, at the West Village, was originally a shop in which John Snow and Ora Farr manufactured, for a short time, scythes and hoes. It was afterwards used by Alpheus Snow for a blacksmith's shop. About fifty years ago it was converted into a grist-mill by Wm. R. Snow and Worcester Farr. the run of stones being taken from a mill that stood where the Butler saw-mill now stands, on the upper part of the Catsbane.

A number of years before the beginning of the present century, a grist-mill was built a few rods below the location of the present upper grist-mill, at the West Village. This mill appears to have been owned for some time by Dr. Solomon Harvy.

Afterwards (probably about 1810), Ithamar Chamberlain, Sen., constructed a new mill a few rods above the old one, which was kept in operation many years. In 1862, the present mill (now owned by Mrs. Prusha W. Strong) was built on the same foundation by Alpheus Snow and George Smith.

The first grist-mill at Factory Village, is said to have been built by Oliver Farwell, where the saw-mill of Joshua W. Chamberlain, Jr., now stands. The date of its construction has not been ascertained, but it was probably built before 1787.

The present grist-mill at that village, owned by Bradford C. Farr, was built at a comparatively late date, and is the only mill of the kind in the eastern part of the town.

Fulling-Mills.—Mills for fulling and dressing cloth were built at an early period at several different places in the town. The one at the West Village, which has already been mentioned, stood on the north side of the Catsbane, near the present residence of Mrs. Jannette Davis. Elijah Jackson engaged in fulling and dressing cloth in this mill several years between 1794 and 1804, as did subsequently David W. Goodrich, Samuel Persons and others. The dam that was carried away by the freshet in 1826 was rebuilt, and the mill used for some time after that date.

The first cloth-dresser (or clothier) at Factory Village was Elnathan Gorham, who settled there about 1800. The first wool-carder at that village is said to have been a man named Belcher, and his mill was located near the place where Pierce's bit-shop now stands, on the opposite side of the brook.

Cotton Factory at Factory Village.—In December, 1805, Ebenezer Stearns, Moses Smith, Ebenezer Cheney and seventeen others, were incorporated into a company called the "Chesterfield Manufactory," for the purpose of manufacturing "cotton yarn, cloth and woollens."

At the June session of the Legislature in 1809, an additional act was passed empowering the corporation to raise the sum of \$50,000, to be employed as should be thought proper. It appears that the shares were fixed at \$100 each, and that Ebenezer Stearns held, in 1809, ten-thousand dollars' worth of the stock; the rest of the shareholders, of whom there were about twenty, held from five to fifty shares each.

In 1810, the company erected a factory at the village which has ever since been called "Factory Village," or "Chesterfield Factory," the latter being the correct postoffice name. This building, which is 100 feet long by 30 feet wide, and two stories high (exclusive of the basement), was built by Presson Farwell for \$700.

The clock which was put in the factory soon after it was built still does duty; though it has existed for a period nearly, or quite, equal to the allotted age of man, it still continues to mark the fleeting seconds with a strong and steady beat. The large square house with "hip" roof, which stands near the factory, once belonged, also, to the corporation.

For a few years after the factory was built, cotton yarn is said to have been made in it; then it was closed for a while. In 1821, Capt. Wm. S. Brooks, who settled in Chesterfield that year, was chosen agent of the corporation, and began the manufacture of cotton shirting. Capt. Brooks continued to manage the affairs of the corporation, as agent, till 1839, when he removed to Brattleboro; but he retained his connection with the factory till 1850.

About 1853, the factory was bought by Olney Goff, who soon entered into partnership with Barton Skinner. Goff did not long

remain in the business, however, but soon sold his interest to Skinner, who continued to manufacture shirting several years. The building was next purchased by R. Henry Hopkins and Horace Howe, who converted into a manufactory of doors, window-sashes and blinds, for which purpose it is used at present.

Tanneries.—The tanning of hides was carried on for many years, on a small scale, at several different places in the town. Levi Davis is said to have engaged in tanning near the place where Elijah Amidon's house now stands, and the business was continued at the same place by Edward Withington, who came to Chesterfield about 1819.

Joseph Converse, who settled, in 1794, on Wetherbee hill, was a tanner, and may have followed his trade, to some extent, for a few years after coming here.

David and William Arnold engaged in tanning at the Centre Village, probably about 1815. Their tannery (which was located near the present residence of Miss Helen A. Aldrich) was purchased about 1817 by Moses Dudley, who continued the business till about 1851, since which time there has been no tannery in operation at that village.

About 1814, Lazarus Tinkham had a small tannery at Factory Village. It was situated on what is now the garden connected with the house in which Geo. R. Carpenter lives.

About 1832, Lloyd Stearns and David Arnold began business in the present tannery at the same village. Stearns removed to Illinois about 1835, when the business was continued by Arnold, at first in company with Nathaniel Walton for a few years, and afterwards alone. From 1844 to '65, this tannery was owned by Sumner Warren, now of Keene, who carried on a pretty extensive business. Afterwards Earl Warren, of Westmoreland, continued the business several years; but at present the building is not used for any purpose.

Manufacture of Bits, Augers, &c.—In 1834 or '35, Joshua Richardson and Oliver B. Huggins, (with whom appears to have been associated Ezekiel P. Pierce, Sen.), built a shop near the confluence of the Lily Pond and Catsbane brooks, in which they manufactured bits, augers and gimlets for a year or two. The business was then continued by Ezekiel P. Pierce, Jr., and Charles Cross,

and subsequently by Pierce, Cross, and Alonzo Farr. This shop was burned down a number of years ago, having been disused for some time.

In 1836 or '37, Richardson and Huggins commenced the same business at Factory Village, in what is now Pierce's bit-shop. This shop was originally the old meeting-house of the East Parish of Westmoreland. It was purchased by Benjamin and Gilman Farwell, who took it to pieces and removed it to its present location, intending it for some kind of a factory; but it was bought by Richardson and Huggins for a bit-shop.

About 1853, Benjamin Pierce, who had previously been employed by Richardson and Huggins, commenced the manufacture of bits, etc., in the same shop, having purchased it of Barton Skinner. For many years Mr Pierce conducted the business alone, employing a considerable number of hands, and producing yearly a large number of bits, augers, and other boring tools. In 1870, his son, Fred. B. Pierce, began to manufacture the same kind of goods for his father, who conducts the sales of the same, having previously been in company with R. Henry Hopkins for about two years. The younger Pierce employs at present in the bit-shop about 21 men.

Manufacture of Spinning-Wheel Heads.—Ezekiel P. Pierce, Sen., with whom were associated Asahel Porter and George Metcalf, manufactured the first "patent accelerating spinning-wheel heads" made in Chesterfield. The shop in which these "heads" were made was at Factory Village, and stood near the south end of the dam now owned by Herschel J. Fowler. He appears to have begun the business not far from 1820; but was soon obliged to suspend the manufacture on account of a controversy between another party and himself about the right to make this particular head.

Afterwards, Jonathan S. Hopkins made "wheel-heads," as they are commonly called, at the same village, in the old building now used by F. B. Pierce for the same purpose. Elliot P. and Samuel F. Hopkins, and others, have also engaged in their manufacture in the same building.

In 1836, Ezekiel P. Pierce, Jr., began to manufacture spinning-wheel heads in a building erected for the purpose near Factory Village, (it being the same now used by Ira P. Buxton for the manufacture of pail-staves, etc.), and continued in the business a number of years.

Richard Hopkins, Jr., also engaged in the manufacture of wheel-heads, at the same village, for some time. Another veteran manufacturer of these heads is Sidney S. Campbell, who began the business about 45 years ago, and has continued in it till lately.

Benjamin Pierce has also been pretty extensively engaged in the same business for many years. At one time during the late war, he employed about 75 hands in the manufacture of wheel-heads, there being a great demand for them at that time. At present they are manufactured by his son, Fred B. Pierce, who employs in this business (and in the making of brush-handles) from 15 to 25 hands.

Between 50 and 60 years ago, John Pierce and his son Alfred began the manufacture of wheel-heads in a little shop that stood on the "Haskell lot," so called, near the elder Pierce's residence. The machinery was driven by horse-power. After a while they moved the building down to the West Village, locating it where Olin R. Farr's new shop now stands. Here they continued the business a while, and then sold their shop to Alanson and Alfred Chamberlain, who also made wheel-heads. The building and water-privilege were next purchased by Anson Hosley, who, as stated in another place, afterwards built the present upper saw-mill. Subsequently, both the shop and saw-mill were owned several years by Marshall Smith, wheel-wright. They were also owned a number of years by Ransom Farr, who built, in 1874, a much larger and more convenient shop, which is now owned by his son, O. R. Farr. The hall in the second story of this building was added in 1876.

Distilleries.—The distilling of cider-brandy was engaged in to a considerable extent in "that good old time" which the modern toppers and dram-drinkers regard as the golden age of their race. Some years, when the apple crop was large, many hundred barrels of cider were used in each of the two principal distilleries at the West Village. One of these (Snow's) has already been mentioned as having been carried away by the freshet in 1826. A new one was afterwards built farther down the brook, near what was afterwards the town poor-house (now owned by Henry E. Amidon). The other was built, and managed for some time, by Ashbel Wheeler, Sen. It stood near his house and store, now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Prusha W. Strong. There have been several other smaller distilleries in the town at different times, but at present there is none in operation.

Miscellaneous.—Early in the present century a Baptist preacher, named Wilbur, made gunpowder in a little mill near the place where Campbell's wheel-head shop now stands, at Factory Village. A certain wag of that time used to narrate the following incident as illustrating the quality of the powder made by Wilbur: One day a barrel of the powder caught fire, and somebody, seizing a pail, went to the brook for water with which to extinguish it; but by the time he returned the powder was half burned up!

Sixty years ago, or more, Roswell Bingham had a small brass-foundry at the same village. Bingham also established a small iron-foundry where F. B. Pierce's wheel-head shop now stands. It was owned at one time by Alanson Skinner.

John Snow and Ora Farr made, for a short time, scythes and hoes in what is now W. W. Farr's grist-mill, at the West Village.

Fifty years ago, or more, Thomas W. Mann made scythes in a shop situated near the confluence of the Wild brook with Partridge brook. Brown and Russell also made scythes in the same shop, which was burned many years ago.

As has already been stated, the old factory at Factory Village was purchased by R. Henry Hopkins and Horace Howe, after the manufacture of cotton goods had been abandoned, and converted into a manufactory of doors, blinds, etc. In 1870, it was bought by Geo. L. Hamilton, who still uses it for the same purpose.

Charles S. Kendall made pegs a few years in the building in which E. P. Pierce, Jr., formerly manufactured spinning-wheel heads, and which has been used since 1866 by Ira P. Buxton for the manufacture of pail-staves, shingles, etc.

In 1863, Rev. T. L. Fowler purchased the building at Factory Village which had formerly been used many years by Joshua Graves for a blacksmith's shop, and fitted it up for the manufacture of clothes pins, and used it for this purpose until November, 1868, when he converted it into a saw-mill.

In 1874, Mr. Fowler sold the mill to his son, Herschel J. Fowler, who has since engaged in the manufacture of pail-staves. The latter has recently erected a two-story building close to the old one, in which he manufactures packing-boxes.

The manufacture of handles for paint and varnish-brushes is carried on to a considerable extent by F. B. Pierce at Factory Village.

In 1880, Mr. Pierce erected a large and convenient building on the site of a portion of the old wheel-head shop, which is well supplied with machinery for the rapid manufacture of these handles.

At the West Village O. R. Farr manufactures tables and prepares stuff for brush-handles, chairs, etc., in the new shop built by his father in 1874.

The making of brick was engaged in to some extent, many years ago, in various parts of the town; but at present none are made.

STORES AND MERCHANTS.

The location of the first store established in Chesterfield has not been ascertained, but it was probably at, or near, the Centre Village. John Pierce may have had a store at that village at the time of the Revolution, as may also Jacob Amidon, as early as 1782. Some of the merchants at the Centre Village have been as follows: Isaac Abbott from 1796 to 1806; Samuel King (son of Col. Samuel King), from 1797 to 1800; Cook and Elliot several years from 1805; Benj. Cook several years before 1819; Levi Jackson from about 1806 to 1821; Asa Fullam, in partnership with Jackson, from 1815 to '21, and afterwards alone; Asa Britton for a number of years; Ezekiel P. Pierce, Sen., from 1821 to 1828 or '29; William Haile from 1828 to '34; Otis Amidon in 1833, '34 and '35; Oscar Coolidge in 1836; Coolidge and Amidon in 1837; Oscar Coolidge (most of the time) from 1838 to '51, and in partnership with his son, Henry O., from '51 to '62; Henry O. Coolidge and Charles J. Amidon in 1849 and '50; Henry O. Coolidge, in partnership with his father, from '51 to '62, then alone till '66; Reuben Porter and John Kneeland from 1836 to '39; Nelson W. Herrick in 1839, '41 and '42; Herrick and Cressy in 1840; Celatia Farr about five years (1841-'46); John Q. A. and Fred. W. Marsh in 1852, '53 and '54; James M. Herrick in 1867; Romanzo C. Cressey from 1868 to '73; Murray Davis and Larkin D. Farr from 1873 to '75; James H. Goodrich, 2d, from 1875 to the present time.

In 1807, Cook and Elliot purchased of Levi Mead three-fourths of an acre of land, at the Centre Village, situated between the old road leading westerly (now disused) and the site of the present "stone store." On this lot they erected a building which was used many years as a store and tavern, and which was burned by an incendiary fire about 1847. At the time it was burned, it was owned

by Asa Marsh, who, in 1849, built the present store at the Centre Village, which was first occupied by his sons, John Q. A. and Fred. W., and since by Henry O. Coolidge, Jas. M. Herrick, Romanzo C. Cressy, Murray Davis and Larkin D. Farr, and Jas. H. Goodrich, 2d.

The following private houses at the Centre Village (designated by the names of their present owners) were once occupied as stores: Alanson Norcross's, by Asa Britton, Ezekiel P. Pierce, Sen., and perhaps others; Geo. Darling's, by Asa Fullam; Geo. Hawes's, by Reuben Porter and John Kneeland, and afterwards by Oscar Coolidge and son. The elder Coolidge had previously traded several years at the "Cook stand," so called, which, as already mentioned, was burned about 1847.

William Haile's store was located where Rev. J. Hall's house now stands. and was removed when the latter was built.

The first store at Factory Village was established by Ebenezer Stearns about 1800. Joseph Holt and Henry White also had a store at the same village about 1815.

The building at Factory Village now owned by L. W. Slade, and occupied by James C. Farwell for a store, and which has recently been enlarged and otherwise improved, has been occupied by the following persons for mercantile purposes: From 1820 to '25, by Ebenezer Stearns and Geo. S. Root; from 1825 to '35, by Geo. S. Root; in 1837, '38 and '39, by Seymour, Putnam and Chase; from 1840 to '44, by Oliver B. Huggins & Co.; in 1845, by Coolidge and Huggins; from 1847 to '51, by Chas. B. Atherton and David W. Beckley; in 1852 and '53, by Sanderson and Beckley; from 1854 to '63, by Chase and Beckley; from 1863 to '65, by David W. Beckley; from 1865 to '77, by James C. Farwell and Geo. R. Carpenter; from 1877 to the present time, by J. C. Farwell.

After closing his business at the Centre Village, E. P. Pierce, Sen., in partnership with Hiram Whitcomb, engaged in trade for a while at Factory Village. Nelson H. Chandler also had a store at the same village in 1836, '37 and '38.

About 1815, Ashbel Wheeler opened a store at the West Village, in the house now owned by Mrs. Prusha W. Strong. In 1823 or '24, he entered into partnership with Oscar Coolidge, with whom

he was associated four or five years. The business was then continued by Mr. Coolidge and Harden Ford till 1835; and from this date till 1839, by Mr. Ford alone. After Mr. Ford's death, in 1839, Mr. Wheeler resumed business in the same building, and continued to sell goods till about 1847. Wm. W. Ford, Ransom Farr, and James H. Ford have also kept a store in this building, for longer or shorter periods, since the last-mentioned date; but since 1870 it has been used exclusively for a dwelling-house.

In 1852, Josiah Dunham and Ransom Farr opened a store at the upper ferry, in the former's dwelling-house. Soon afterwards, the present store building was built by Mr. Dunham and Samuel D. Clark, and has been used ever since for mercantile purposes by Mr. Dunham himself, Russell H. Davis, and others. For a number of years it has been owned by Calvin P. Gilson, but is rented and occupied at present by Larkin D. Farr.

TAVERNS AND HOTELS.

The earliest taverns were merely private houses situated near the principal highways, and whose owners availed themselves of the opportunity to add to the income derived from their farms by providing food and lodging for hungry and weary travelers, and an abundance of spirituous and fermented drinks for the thirsty.

After a while a law was passed compelling tavern-keepers and retailers of spirituous liquors to obtain a license from the selectmen. The first recorded licenses for this purpose were granted in 1792, which year four persons were licensed as taverners and one to sell spirituous liquors. It is not at all probable, however, that one person enjoyed a monopoly of the trade in strong drink that year.

In 1793, there were only two licensed taverners, while five persons were licensed to retail spirits; and in '94, the number of tavern-keepers was three, the number of retailers of spirits remaining the same. In 1800, there were seven licensed tavern-keepers and only two licensed retailers of liquors.

Among the earliest tavern-keepers were Oliver Cobleigh, Nathaniel Stone, Andrew Hastings, Abraham Stearns, Nathaniel Bingham, and Ebenezer Harvey, Sen.

Among the old dwelling-houses of the town which were once used as taverns, many years ago, may be mentioned George Smith's, Henry E. Amidon's, Erastus H. Cobleigh's, Chas. C. P. Goodrich's,

Mrs. P. W. Strong's, Ira D. Farr's, Hermon C. Harvey's, Roswell Butler's, the stone house of the Pierces, and the house owned by the late Amos K. Bartlett.

Ebenezer Harvey's tavern stood on the site of Parker D. Cressey's present residence, at the Centre Village, and was probably one of the oldest taverns in the town.

In 1801, Levi Mead came to Chesterfield, from Lexington, Mass., and lived in the house now occupied by Roswell Butler, at the Centre Village, which he kept as a tavern. In 1816, he built at the same village what was known for many years as the "Mead tavern," and which is now called the "Chesterfield Hotel." Since his death, in 1828, this tavern has had several different owners, among them his sons Bradley and Elias. From 1860 to '68, it was owned and kept by Parker D. Cressey, and since 1876 by Lucius Thatcher.

The present tavern at Factory Village, known as the "Spafford House," was built in 1807 by Elnathan Gorham for a dwelling-house. It was first used as a tavern by Presson Farwell. Afterwards, it was owned and kept many years by Samuel Burt, who, in 1867, sold it to Sanford Guernsey. In 1880, it was purchased of Mr. Guernsey by Walter J. Wheeler, its present proprietor.

In 1831, Ezekiel P. Pierce, Sen., built a large stone house on the old Pierce homestead, near the lake, which he kept as a tavern several years.

The tavern which Amos Smith kept near the river, in the north-western quarter of the town, and which was afterwards kept by his son George, was frequented by boatmen and raftsmen in the days when merchandise was transported up and down the river by means of boats, and logs were conducted down in rafts. The same is true of the old "Snow tavern," afterwards the town poor-house.

For a few years Rufus Harvey kept a tavern at his dwelling-house, now owned and occupied by his son, Hermon C.

The lines of stages that passed through Chesterfield before railroads were constructed, rendered tavern-keeping more profitable then than now. The stages from Walpole, and towns farther north, passed through the Centre Village on their way to Northfield, Mass., and other towns to the southward; as did also the stages on the Keene and Brattleboro route. These stages, each sometimes drawn

by four horses, were frequently crowded with passengers; and their arrival was awaited with no little interest by expectant landlords.

The "Prospect House," situated on an eminence, near the southern shore of Spafford's Lake, of which it commands a fine view, was built in 1873 by John W. Herrick, of Keene, and has been owned by him and his heirs most of the time since it was constructed. This hotel, which is kept open only during the summer, has been managed by several different persons, including Mr. Herrick himself and D. S. Swan, of Winchester. Since 1879 it has been managed by A. R. Mason, of Keene.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

There are no public buildings in Chesterfield at present that are worthy of a particular description. The meeting-houses of the different denominations have been mentioned elsewhere. (See Chap. VIII. For a description of the "old meeting-house," so called, see p. 142.) The town-hall, at the Centre Village, was built in 1851, and is a substantial stone structure with slated roof.

The village-hall, at Factory Village, was built in 1869, at a cost of \$2400, by an association styled the "Village-Hall Association."

POST-OFFICES.

The post-office at the Centre Village (Chesterfield) was established Aug. 12, 1802.

The following persons have been postmasters at this village :

	DATE OF COMMISSION.
Ebenezer Harvèy, - - - -	Aug. 12, 1802.
Asa Britton, - - - -	Nov. 16, 1810.
Daniel Waldo, - - - -	Dec. 30, 1830.
Warham R. Platts, - - - -	Oct. 4, 1833.
Nelson W. Herrick, - - - -	Aug. 6, 1841.
Warham R. Platts, - - - -	Sept. 11, 1843.
Chas. J. Amidon, - - - -	May 29, 1849.
Henry O. Coolidge, - - - -	April 2, 1851.
Warham R. Platts, - - - -	May 20, 1853.
Henry O. Coolidge, - - - -	Aug. 10, 1861.
James M. Herrick, - - - -	Feb. 27, 1867.
Romanzo C. Cressy, - - - -	April 9, 1868.
Murray Davis, - - - -	Oct. 24, 1873.
James H. Goodrich, 2d, - - - -	Oct. 6, 1875.

The post-office at Factory Village (Chesterfield Factory) was established Jan. 12, 1828.

The postmasters at this office have been as follows :

	DATE OF COMMISSION.
Geo. S. Root, - - - -	Jan. 12, 1828.
Horatio N. Chandler, - - -	Dec. 14, 1835.
Samuel Burt, Jr., - - -	July 28, 1838.
Bela Chase, - - - - -	Aug. 6, 1841.
Samuel Burt, - - - - -	Dec. 30, 1844.
David W. Beckley, - - -	April 26, 1850.
Samuel Burt, - - - - -	Sept. 11, 1854.
David W. Beckley, - - -	July 20, 1861.
James C. Farwell, - - -	Jan. 15, 1866.

The post-office at the West Village (West Chesterfield) was established April 17, 1866, at which time James H. Ford was commissioned postmaster. He held the office till November, 1870. Since the latter date, Emroy H. Colburn has been postmaster.

ROADS AND FERRIES.

The earliest roads mentioned in the town-records, have already been described. (See p. 39). The "river road" was sometimes described in old records as the road "leading to Charlestown." Its location corresponded nearly with its present one. It originally passed, however, just west of the old poor-house (now owned by Henry E. Amidon), and crossed the Catsbane by two bridges, the brook at that time being divided into two channels, where the road crossed, by a little island. Some alterations have also been made in this road at a few other points.

The road described on page 39 as running along the western line of the twelfth range, was once an important highway. In early times many of the emigrants, from towns south of Chesterfield, moving northward in quest of new homes, came up through the "Notch," and passed by this road into Westmoreland. Mr. John Butler, aged ninety-five years, whose father kept a tavern in Hinsdale, near the road leading through the Notch, asserts, as an evidence of the amount of travel on this highway, that, at one period, his father "mixed" thirty-three barrels of rum yearly!

A portion of this road was discontinued many years ago; but the rest of it (from where it connects with the road leading from the

West Village to Spafford's Lake) is the same as originally laid out, and has been long known by the name of "Christian street," from the circumstance, as some of the oldest inhabitants say, that numerous religious "revival meetings" were held in its vicinity many years ago.

As early as 1770, if not earlier, a road was constructed from the meeting-house to a point near where George Goodrich now lives. It was located, in part, by marked trees. This road has been discontinued.

Oct. 22, 1770, the town voted to accept a road from the meeting-house to Winchester, which was described as running easterly into the "old road that leads to Winchester." The "old road" leading to Winchester appears, then, to have been a road already in existence; but the date of its construction has not been ascertained. It was not identical with the present highway leading from the Centre Village to Winchester, for this was made at a much later date, and is a county road.

At the same time (Oct. 22, 1770), the town voted to accept a road leading from the meeting-house to Keene, as it was then "trod." This road ran easterly, a little south of Factory Village, and over Atherton hill. For many years it was the only highway between Keene and Chesterfield, and a large portion of it is still used.

About 1843 or '44, a new road was made from near what is now known as the "Amos K. Bartlett place" (once owned by Abraham Stearns), situated about two and one-half miles to the eastward of Factory Village, to the Keene line, where it connected with a new road from the foot of "Keene hills." This new road, together with the old one from the Bartlett place to Factory Village, constitutes the present highway between this village and Keene.

The highway from the Centre Village to Westmoreland (South Village), originally passed over Wetherbee hill, a number of rods west of its present location. Its location near the picnic-ground, on the west side of the lake, has been changed twice. The date of the construction of the original road has not been ascertained.

The lower half of the valley of Leavitt's brook, in the south-west quarter of the town, has received the appellation of the "Gulf," and the road that runs through it, connecting with the river road

near the mouth of the brook, is called the "gulf road." This road was made in 1830 or '31. The town refused to make it, whereupon it was laid out by the county commissioners.

No bridge has ever yet been built across the Connecticut, between Chesterfield and Vermont. A company was incorporated, however, in June, 1817, under the name of "The N. H. and Vt. Bridge Company," for the purpose of building a bridge between Chesterfield and Dummerston; but it was not built.

March 14, 1848, the town voted to build a bridge over the Connecticut, "between Oliver Hastings' and West river bar;" but the vote was never carried into effect.

At present there are two ferries in the town, which may be designated as the "upper ferry" and "lower ferry."

It appears that, sometime in 1786, William Thomas petitioned the Legislature for the exclusive right to keep a ferry over "a certain space in said [Connecticut] river extending one mile and one-half from the north end of Catsbane island down said river." Sept. 20, the same year, the House voted to grant the prayer of the petitioner. June 12, 1788, Thomas petitioned again, and was granted leave "to bring in a bill." This ferry has been constantly maintained since it was chartered. For nearly half a century it was owned and managed by Benaiah Norcross (*See Family Histories*), and was generally known as "Norcross's ferry." Since 1850 the ownership of this ferry has been changed several times. For about twenty years prior to 1880, it was owned by the late Lyman P. Farr. At present it is owned by Calvin M. Houghton.

In 1787, Eliphalet Hale obtained a charter for a ferry over the Connecticut, between Catsbane island and Westmoreland line; but it is uncertain whether it was ever put in operation.

In December, 1800, Samuel Farr and Ezekiel Hildreth obtained a charter for a ferry located between the mouth of Governor's brook and Catsbane island, which was mentioned in the charter as being the northern limit of a ferry granted to William Thomas.

In 1805, a charter was granted to Abel Farr for a ferry located between the mouth of Governor's brook and Westmoreland line; but there is no evidence that a ferry was ever opened within these limits.

The ferry granted to Farr and Hildreth, was the one now called the "upper," or "Gilson's ferry." It has had numerous owners since 1800, and appears to have been in constant operation.

Josiah Hastings, Sen., is said to have kept a ferry for a while near the place where Thomas Sumner now lives; but it was probably never chartered.

For many years after the ferries were established, the large boats were not pulled across by means of wires, as at present, but were propelled along the shore with poles for a certain distance up the river, and then sculled obliquely across. In this way the ferryman could take advantage of the current, and land his boat at the proper place on the other side.

SPAFFORD'S LAKE, THE STEAMBOAT "ENTERPRISE," ETC.

A brief description of Spafford's Lake has been given on page 13. Though it had been for many years a favorite resort for local fishermen and the students of the Academy, and had occasionally been visited by pleasure-seekers from abroad, it was not till within the past ten years that any measures were taken to establish a hotel, boat-house, cottages, etc., for the accommodation of persons who desire to withdraw from the noise and tumult of the "madding crowd," and spend a few weeks in the quietness of the country.

It is true that

"Old Captain Bulky,* a sailor by trade,

Who round the world many voyages had made,"

had a sail-boat on this lake many years ago; as did afterwards Ezekiel P. Pierce, Sen., whose boat, sometimes manned by an experienced seaman, was used more or less by sailing parties for several years. Pierce's island, too, has been for a long time a resort for students and others, who desire to enjoy camp life for a few days at a time. Nevertheless, as stated above, it was not till within the past ten years that people have resorted to the lake in large numbers (excepting, perhaps, a few instances) for recreation and diversion, and for the holding of religious, and even political, meetings.

In 1873, the Prospect House, as mentioned in another place, was built by John W. Herrick, of Keene, and was designed for the accommodation of persons who might come to the lake seeking health or pleasure.

*"Capt. Bulky" was the sobriquet of Capt. ———, who is said to have put the first sail-boat on the lake.

In 1874, John W. White commenced the boat-house on the southern shore of the lake, but it was not finished till the next year. It is owned by Geo. W. Darling, but was rented and managed in '75, '76 and '77 by Ira D. and Frank H. Farr; in '78, '79 and '80, by the latter and A. T. Dunton, of Brattleboro. The present year ('81) it is managed by F. H. Farr, who also controls the "pavilion" for dancing, dining-hall, lodging-house, etc. All these last mentioned buildings stand upon land owned by Geo. W. Darling.

On the southern and western shores are pretty extensive picnic grounds, which are much frequented in the summer season. On the one situated west of the lake, Lucius Thatcher, proprietor of the "Chesterfield Hotel," has a large stable for horses, a lodging-house and restaurant, and a "dance-pavilion." This last mentioned building was first erected by Mr. Thatcher in 1879, but was crushed by the snow in the winter of '80 and '81, and has been rebuilt the present year.

Among other attractions at Spafford's Lake, the steamboat "Enterprise" is by no means the least.

The construction of this little steamer was due to the efforts of John W. White, seconded by Jay Jackson, Wm. Bennett and John W. Herrick. It was commenced by Mr. White, who employed professional boat-builders for the purpose, and was finished in 1876, with the assistance of the other gentlemen whose names have been mentioned. It is propelled by a screw, and is capable of carrying about one hundred and twenty-five persons. Not only is this steamer much used for excursions about the lake, but it is of much service in transporting people to and fro between the western and southern shores of the same, on the occasions of picnics or other large gatherings.

It is a circumstance worthy of note, that only four persons have yet, so far as known, been drowned in the lake (including the "channel" at Factory Village.) A boy by the name of Farwell was drowned in the channel a great many years ago; and afterwards a man named Phelps, and another named Henry Reed, were drowned, at different times, in the lake itself. In 1827, James Brooks, aged seven years, son of Capt. Wm. S. Brooks, was also drowned in the lake while bathing.

BOATING AND RAFTING ON THE CONNECTICUT.

Previous to the construction of railways in the Connecticut valley, merchandise was transported from point to point along the river in freight-boats. These boats were each capable of carrying from eighteen to thirty tons, or more, of freight; were furnished each with one square-rigged mast, and were steered with oars. In ascending the river they were propelled by means of poles whenever the wind was in the wrong direction, or not strong enough to propel them against the current; and at some points they were hauled through rapids, or over "bars," by means of stationary windlasses, horses or oxen.

Many Chesterfield men were engaged, at different times, in boating between Bellows Falls and Hartford, Conn.

At the latter place the boats were loaded with all sorts of goods necessary for furnishing a country store in the days when bolted wheaten flour was a positive luxury, to be indulged in only by the more well-to-do families, and hogsheads of molasses and New England rum were an indispensable portion of every store-keeper's stock in trade.

The principal landing places in Chesterfield for the freight-boats, were the lower and upper ferries. Here the merchandise consigned to Chesterfield parties was unloaded, and then the boats, if they had any additional freight, proceeded on the voyage up the river.

The time consumed in a "round trip" from Bellows Falls to Hartford varied, according to circumstances, from nine to twenty days.

But the days of freight-boats have passed away, so far as the citizens of Chesterfield are concerned, probably never to return; and the whistle of the locomotive, as it rushes up and down the valley, reminds the few surviving "rivermen" that the days of their youth have receded far into the dim past, and that this is an age of change and innovation.

Steamboats have never been successfully employed in navigating the Connecticut as far up as Chesterfield. However, on a few occasions, at least, the inhabitants of the western part of the town were entertained with the novel spectacle of a little steamboat puffing slowly up the river. Mr. Burnham, in his "History of Brattleboro," has given an amusing account of Thomas Blanchard's attempt, in 1827, to ascend the river in a steamboat which he had

built at Springfield, Mass. It was probably the passage of this boat up the river, past Chesterfield, which called forth from the "Bard of Streeter Hill" one of those poetic effusions for which he was noted, and which contained some very vigorous, if not altogether choice, expressions.

A considerable number of Chesterfield men also engaged in rafting lumber down to Hartford, where it found a ready market.

The lumber was sawed at the various mills of the town, drawn to the river and arranged in "boxes," which were combined to form rafts, and then conducted to its destination by skilled raftsmen; for, to take a raft, or river-boat, successfully from Chesterfield to Hartford, over the various rapids, required no little skill, and some courage. Raftsmen and boatmen both sometimes narrowly escaped drowning, and occasionally one of them lost his life in this way. Such was the fate of Nahum Day, who was drowned at Miller's Falls about the beginning of the present century.

MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.

In 1792, the Legislature of New Hampshire passed an act regulating anew the militia of the State. It was provided by this act that the companies in the towns of Winchester, Richmond, Swanzy, Chesterfield and Hinsdale, should constitute the *sixth* regiment.

In 1808, an act was passed making certain changes in the act of 1792. The new act provided that "all free, able-bodied, white male citizens of the State, from sixteen years of age to forty, should be enrolled with certain exceptions." For nearly forty years following the passage of this act, no very radical changes were made in the militia laws.

For many years Chesterfield possessed two companies of militia—the Light Infantry and "Floodwood." The members of the Light Infantry furnished their own uniforms, but were provided with arms by the State; the members of the Floodwood had no uniforms, and were obliged to furnish themselves with arms. The latter company was composed of all enrolled men who were not included in the Light Infantry. The annual regimental musters were usually held in Winchester, but sometimes in other towns, in the month of August or September. Occasionally a battalion or regimental muster was held at the Centre Village, in this town, on which occasion the inhabitants, old and young, would assemble in large numbers to witness the parade.

The companies were obliged to turn out at least twice each year, for inspection of arms, and for drill.

"Training days," as they were called, were memorable days for the younger people,—the uniforms of the Light Infantry, the shrill notes of the fife and the roll of the drum, the measured tread of the soldiers, and the pompous commands of the officers, all combining to arouse feelings of patriotism in their breasts. With regard to the "Floodwoods," however, it would hardly be proper (if the testimony of the older inhabitants is reliable) to say that they always marched with a "measured tread;" for it is gravely asserted that they sometimes marched with all sorts of "treads"—measured, *un-*measured, and measureless!

Sometimes sham-fights were arranged between the "Americans" and the "British," or "Indians." Of course the Americans usually gained the day, as any other result would have been decidedly unpatriotic.

Not far from 1835, a rifle company was formed in the town, mainly through the exertion of Ezekiel P. Pierce, Jr., who commanded it for four years. This company was fully uniformed and equipped, and was attached to the sixth regiment, as the "2d Company of Rifles." Geo. L. Mead also took an active part in the formation of this company, and at one time had command of it.

For many years there has been no military organization in the town, and when the Rebellion broke out, there were very few young men in it who had had any experience whatever in military affairs.

For the military history of this town during the Revolution (1775-'83), the reader is referred to Chapter IV; during the second war with Great Britain (1812-'15), to Chapter V; during the civil war (1861-'65), to Chapter VI.

PHYSICIANS.

The following are the names of some of the physicians who have practised their profession in Chesterfield for longer or shorter periods:

Dr. Elkanah Day was here as early as 1767. (*See Family Histories.*)

Dr. Moses Ellis was in Chesterfield several years prior to 1787. (*See Fam. Hist.*)

- Dr. Solomon Harvey resided in the town from about 1775 to 1821, or later. (*See Fam. Hist.*)
- Dr. ——— Barnard was here in 1779.
- Dr. Joshua Tyler practised from between 1776 and '81 till 1807. (*See Fam. Hist.*)
- Dr. Oliver Atherton practised from about 1787 to 1812. (*See Fam. Hist.*)
- Dr. Prescott Hall came to Chesterfield about 1806, and practised here a few years.
- Dr. James R. Grow was in Chesterfield in 1812, and remained a few years.
- Dr. Oliver Baker came here in 1809, and remained until 1840. (*See Fam. Hist.*)
- Dr. George Farrington came from Winchester, probably in 1814 or '15. He died in this town, July 29, 1816, aged 47 years, and was buried in the old burying-ground at the Centre Village. A marble slab, lying horizontally on two supports of masonry, marks his last resting place. On this slab is the following epitaph :

“ Here lies beneath this monument
 The dear remains of one who spent
 His days and years in doing good;
 Gave ease to those oppres'd with pain,
 Restor'd the sick to Health again,
 And purifi'd their wasting blood.
 He was respected while on Earth
 By all who knew his real worth
 In practice and superior skill.
 The means he us'd were truly blest,
 His wondrous cures do well attest.
 Who can his vacant mansion fill?
 Borne on some shining cherub's wing
 To his grand master, God and King,
 To the grand lodge in Heaven above,
 Where angels smile to see him join
 His brethren in that lodge Divine,
 Where all is harmony and love.”

- Dr. Joshua Converse practised medicine in Chesterfield a number of years. (*See Fam. Hist.*)

- Dr. Jason Farr, son of Moses Farr, of this town, practised here several years. He died in 1825.
- Dr. Jerry Lyons was in Chesterfield from 1814 to '25.
- Dr. Philip Hall resided in Chesterfield a number of years, removing from the town about 1828. He died in Northfield, Mass. in 1880. (*See Fam. Hist.*)
- Dr. Harvey Carpenter practised in Chesterfield from 1827 or '28 till the time of his death. (*See Fam. Hist.*)
- Dr. John P. Warren practised in Chesterfield in 1842, '43 and '44. He built the house, at the Centre Village, in which Rev. J. Hall now lives. He removed from this town to Brattleboro, Vt., where he died a few years ago.
- Dr. Algernon Sidney Carpenter, brother of Dr. Harvey Carpenter, practised here during the year 1841. He now resides in Keene.
- Dr. John O. French came to Chesterfield in 1844 or '45, and remained about ten years. (*See Fam. Hist.*)
- Dr. John F. Butler has practised his profession in this town since 1854.

Dr. Butler is the son of Jonathan and Martha (Russell) Butler, of Marlow, and was born June 14, 1831; graduated at the Harvard Medical School, March, 1854, and came to Chesterfield the next April. In the spring of '64 he joined the 39th Reg't Mass. volunteers as assistant surgeon, and served till the war closed, when he returned to Chesterfield. He married, in 1857, Julia, daughter of Rev. Silas Quimby, of Lebanon, and who died Aug. 19, 1861. In 1863, he married Celia A., daughter of John L. Brewster, of Lowell, Mass.

Dr. Daniel F. Randall has resided in Chesterfield since 1855, engaged in the practice of his profession. He was born May 24, 1829, and is the son of Menzias R. Randall, M. D., a veteran physician of Rehoboth, Mass. He graduated at the medical school in Woodstock, Vt., in 1852, and settled in this town in 1855, where he has ever since resided. He married Miss Amelia C. French, of Berkley, Mass.

LAWYERS.

Hon. Phineas Handerson was probably the first lawyer who practised his profession in Chesterfield. His office was at the Centre Village, where he resided from 1805 or '06 till '33, when he removed to Keene.

Hon. Larkin G. Mead, who read law with Mr. Handerson, also practised in this town till 1839, when he removed to Brattleboro, Vt.

Charles C. Webster, Esq., now of Keene, practised law in this town from July, 1839, to January, '46. (For a further account of Handerson, Mead and Webster, see *Fam. Hist.*)

Hon. Harvey Carlton, now of Winchester, engaged in the practise of law in this town from 1841 to '54.

Allen P. Dudley, Esq., practised law in Chesterfield a few years, as did also his brother, Wm. L. Dudley, Esq. (*See Fam. Hist.*)

AGED PERSONS.

The following persons aged 80 years, or more, are living in Chesterfield at the present date, (July 11, 1881,) : Mrs. Jerusha Smith, 80; Miss Sarah Brigham, 80; Samuel J. Pattridge, 80; Alanson Chamberlain, 80; Mrs. Celestina K. Hubbard, 81; Alfred Farwell, 81; Joshua W. Chamberlain, Sen., 82; Miss Persis Brigham, 82; Oliver Farnsworth, 85; Hubbard Wheeler, 86; Mrs. Phebe Streeter, 86; Mrs. Polly Spaulding, 86; Mrs. Persis Dudley, 87; Mrs. Sarah Platts, 87; Mrs. Grata Thomas, 88; Mrs. Sophia Day, 89; Ebenezer Robertson, 94; John Butler, 95; Mrs. Sophronia Pierce, 96.

The following persons have died in Chesterfield at an age of 90 years, or more: Mary, wife of Samuel Hamilton, Sen., Dec. 16, 1842, aged 90; Lydia, wife of Ebenezer Cheney, April 4, 1859, aged 90; Nancy, wife of Orlo Richardson, April 4, 1872, aged 90 (nearly); Orpha, wife of Zadock Prescho, April 17, 1856, aged 90; Thomas Dunham, March 20, 1870, aged 90; Benjamin Withington, May 16, 1851, aged 90 (nearly); Sarah, wife of Caleb Johnson, Dec. 31, 1837, aged 90; Sally, wife of Jesse Hinds, Aug. 24, 1864, aged 90; Asa Fullam, Dec. 14, 1870, aged 90; Judith, wife of Dr. Joshua Tyler, Aug. 11, 1854, aged 91; Elisha Rockwood, Feb. 13,

1832, aged 91; Betsey, wife of Aaron Smith, Jan. 26, 1863, aged 91; Widow Mary Putnam, Jan. 30, 1830, aged 92; Stephen Street-er, Sen., March 11, 1845, aged 92; Jonathan Cressey, April 26, 1824, aged 92 (nearly); William Clark, Sen., Feb. 19, 1849, aged 92; Amos Crouch, Aug. 18, 1861, aged 92; Samuel Hamilton, Oct. 19, 1878, aged 92 (nearly); Submit, wife of John Sanderson, Sen., June 27, 1822, aged 93; Nathaniel Bacon, Sept. 10, 1823, aged 95; Mary, wife of Joseph Titus, May 7, 1845, aged 95; Clarissa, wife of Binea Norcross, May 30, 1877, aged 95; Rachel, wife of Eleazer Jackson, March 12, 1836, aged 96; Timothy Ladd, Aug. 30, 1834, aged 96; Esther, wife of William Faulkner, Nov. 29, 1876, aged 101 years 1 mo. 7 days; Sarah, wife of Samuel Draper, Dec. 19, 1863, aged 101 years 5 mos. 16 days; Hannah Bailey, (mother of Zadock Bartlett's wife), November, 1822, aged 104 years 3 mos.

PAUPERS AND THE TOWN POOR-FARM.

At an early period in the town's history, provisions were made for the support of the poor. For many years, however, the town had no alms-house, or poor-house, but paupers were supported in private families, under the supervision of the selectmen, or overseers chosen by the town.

A common way of disposing of the town paupers, previous to 1835, was to "vendue them," as it was called; i. e., the right to keep a part, or all, of the town's poor for a specified time was sold at public auction to the lowest bidder.

In 1835, the town purchased of Wm. R. Snow the old "Snow homestead," situated in the western part of the town, near the river, and fitted up the house for a poor-house. This building, which was once used as a tavern, is undoubtedly one of the oldest houses in the town, having been built by Zerubbabel Snow, who died in 1795. For about thirty years the paupers of the town were kept at this poor-house, the farm connected with it furnishing a large part of the provisions necessary for their sustenance.

Not long after the poor-farm was purchased, the "Nichols farm," so called, situated on the hill west of the lake, and north of Wm. Bennett's present farm, came into the possession of the town. At the annual town-meeting for 1837, it was voted to retain this farm for a pasture to be used in connection with the poor-farm.

In the spring of 1865, the poor-farm and the town pasture were sold, the house and forty acres of land being bought by Mrs. Mary E. Streeter; the meadow north of Catsbane brook, by Henry Chickering; a small pasture east of the river road, by S. P. Yeager; and the "Nichols pasture," by Wm. Bennett.

PUBLIC CEMETERIES AND THE COMMON AT THE CENTRE VILLAGE.

Which is the oldest public burying-ground in the town, has not been ascertained; but the *three* oldest are undoubtedly the ones called, in the town records, the "West burying-ground," (located a short distance south of Charles C. P. Goodrich's residence); the "North-west burying-ground," or the "burying-ground near James Robertson's;" and the "burying-ground near the old meeting-house," located at the Centre Village. It is quite probable that the first and last of these three were used before 1766 as burial-places, and the second may have been used for the same purpose about as early. The West burying-ground was conveyed to the town by Simon Davis, Jan. 8, 1772, and was described in the deed as being a lot of land "lying on the river road leading to Charles-town, about half way between the said Simon Davis's and Joseph Higgins's." There appears to be a difference of opinion as to whether the "Robertson grave-yard" is now the property of the town; but that it was used as a public burying-place, and regarded by the town as public property, for many years, is unquestionable.

The old grave-yard at the Centre Village appears to have been originally a part of the common, which was probably conveyed to the town before 1772. It was enlarged in 1790 by the addition of a strip of land 20 feet wide to the western side.

The burying-ground sometimes called the "Latham grave-yard," in the south-eastern quarter of the town, has probably been used as a public burial-place for nearly a century, as the oldest grave-stone bears the date of 1790.

The "North-east burying-ground," or the "burying-ground near Joseph Pattridge's," as it is sometimes called in the town records, (located north of the present highway leading from Factory Village to Keene, and not far from the present residence of William Atherton), has also been used as a public grave-yard for nearly, or quite, one hundred years.

In 1817, the town voted to receive from Ebenezer Stearns one-third of an acre of land, situated at Factory Village, for a public burying-ground. Since that time additions have been made to this cemetery by private individuals, so that it now contains about 182 square rods. The original part was used, however, by Mr. Stearns as a private burying-ground before he presented it to the town, two of his sons having been buried in it in 1806, and his first wife in 1815.

The same year (1817), the town also voted to receive from Joseph Atherton one-third of an acre of land for a public grave-yard. This yard is situated on Atherton hill, near the school-house in district No. 14.

The cemetery sometimes called the "Joslyn cemetery," situated a short distance east of the Centre Village, is partly a public and partly a private burial-ground. The old, or original, part of this cemetery belongs to the town, but the newer part is private property, and is owned by a number of individuals. The part belonging to the town appears to have first been used for burial purposes about 1815, and to have been donated by Benj. Joslyn.

In 1832, the town authorized the selectmen to take a deed of the "burying-ground near Arad Stoddard's." This is known as the "New Boston" cemetery, and the land contained in it was gratuitously conveyed to the town by Mr. Stoddard. In 1859, the town voted to give the control of this grave-yard to an association styled the "New Boston Cemetery Association," by which it is controlled at present.

About 1830, Ithamar Chamberlain, Jr., and Amos Farr presented to the town about one-fourth of an acre of land, near the West Village, on the condition that the same should be used for a public burial-ground. At the March meeting in 1856, the town voted to give the control of this grave-yard to an association styled the "Chesterfield West Cemetery Association." This cemetery has been enlarged twice—first in 1856, and again in 1874—and now contains about two and five-eighths acres, being the largest burial ground in the town. The first person buried in it was Lucinda, wife of Thomas Hosley, who died in 1831.

The cemetery situated not far from Noyes Robertson's residence is not, properly speaking, a public burial-ground, but is owned by

about eighteen different persons, including Mr. Robertson himself, who gave the land which it contains, excepting a few of the lots which he sold.

The common at the Centre Village appears to have been conveyed to the town before September, 1772, but by whom is uncertain. There is a tradition that it was presented to the town by Col. Samuel King, to be used for public purposes. If there is any truth in this tradition, it appears that King must have made his donation while in his minority; for, in a deed from Elkanah Day to Ebenezer Harvey of a certain piece of land adjacent to the common, dated Sept. 17, 1772, the latter is mentioned as *having been conveyed to the town*. At that date Col. King could scarcely have been twenty-one years old: a circumstance which does not, of course, preclude the possibility of his having been the person who conveyed the common to the town.

May 1, 1786, the town voted "to lay the common open by clearing off all the old fences, etc.;" and Sept. 7, the same year, to accept the common "as laid out by the selectmen." The bounds of the same are recorded in the first volume of the town records, and its area was stated to be five acres, roads and burying-ground included.

THE TOWN RECORDS AND NAMES OF TOWN-CLERKS FROM 1770 TO 1881.

Five volumes contain the records of the proceedings in town-meetings, from 1767 to the present time. The first volume covers the period from 1767 to 1793; the second, from 1793 to 1830; the third, from 1830 to 1845; the fourth, from 1845 to 1861; the fifth, from 1861 to the present time.

The first three also contain records of births and marriages. The first two are of the greatest historical interest, because they contain the records of the town during the most interesting periods of its history. The oldest one is especially rich in historical treasures, and is in a good state of preservation.

The first two contain a curious medley of records of town-meetings, of births, of marriages, of deaths, of the marking of sheep, of the taking up of stray animals, etc., all entered in a promiscuous manner.

For example, immediately following the record of the births of

Caleb Johnson's children is the following record: "Caleb Johnson's mark on his sheep, September, 1779, is a squar cross cut off off the write ear, and a round hole threw the same off ear."

Immediately after a record of births is also found the following: "October ye 22, [year not given] then was taken up by Joseph Printice a black horse colt two years old last spring. Natral troter, with a small white star in the forehead."

Some of the birth records are very exact. For instance, W. F. was recorded as having been born April 5, 1782, "with a natural mark on ye tip end of his left ear." The birth of R. A., daughter of J. A., was recorded as having occurred "March 19, 1797, little before midnight."

In an indenture made Feb. 22, 1787, by which Polly Gary, a poor child, was bound by the selectmen as an apprentice to Abel Fletcher, the latter covenants to teach the child "to read well and to know her duty to God and man, so far as she may be capable of learning the aforesaid mysterys;" also, to provide "suitable meat and drink, washing, lodging and apparell, nusing and physick."

The selectmen's and assessors' records from 1787 to the present time, are pretty complete; but those covering the period from 1770 to '87, have not been found.

The proprietary records of the town, as already mentioned in another place, have been lost,—a loss which, from a purely historical point of view, is irreparable.

The town has had the following clerks since 1770: Ephraim Baldwin, 1770-'84; Jacob Amidon, 1785-'99; Solomon Harvey, 1800-'17; Abraham Wood, Jr., 1818-'33; Geo. H. Fitch, 1834, '35; Oscar Coolidge, 1836-'38; Nelson W. Herrick, 1839-'42; Warham R. Platts, 1843, '44; Sumner Warren, 1845; Harvey Carpenter, 1846-'48; John O. French, 1849-'52; Henry O. Coolidge, 1853; Arza K. Clark, 1854; Henry O. Coolidge, 1855-'67; Hermon C. Harvey, 1868; Henry O. Coolidge, 1869; Hermon C. Harvey, 1870-'73; Murray Davis, 1874-'75; Edward P. F. Dearborn, 1876; Hermon C. Harvey, 1877-'81.

SELECTMEN OF CHESTERFIELD FROM 1767 TO 1881, AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM 1775 TO 1881.

1767. Selectmen: Simon Davis, John Snow, Jonathan Hildreth, Eleazer Cobleigh, Ebenezer Davison.
1768 and '69. No record.

1770. Selectmen: Jonathan Hildreth, Silas Thompson, Elkanah Day, Thomas Emmons, Nathaniel Bingham.
1771. Selectmen: Moses Smith, David Stoddard, Timothy Ladd.
1772. Selectmen same as in '71.
1773. Selectmen: Zerubbabel Snow, Ephraim Baldwin, Martin Warner.
1774. Selectmen same as in '73.
1775. Selectmen: Nathaniel Bingham, Ephraim Hubbard, Stephen Carter, Moses Smith, Jr., John Davison. Representative, Archibald Robertson. (*See p. 50.*)
1776. Selectmen. Ephraim Baldwin, Michael Cressey, Samuel Hildreth, Moses Smith, Jr., Ephraim Hubbard. Representative, Michael Cressey.
1777. Selectmen: Samuel Fairbanks, Elisha Rockwood, James Robertson, Nathaniel Bingham, Jonathan Farr, 2d. Representative, Michael Cressey.
1778. Selectmen: Samuel Hildreth, Moses Smith, Abner Johnson, Kimball Carlton, Jacob Hinds. Representative, Michael Cressey.
1779. Selectmen: Jonathan Hildreth, Oliver Cobleigh, Warren Snow. Representative, Nathaniel Bingham.
1780. Selectmen: Michael Cressey, Elisha Rockwood, Andrew Hastings. No representative chosen.
1781. Selectmen: Moses Smith, Jr., Abner Johnson, Samuel King, [Jr.] No representative in the Legislature of this State, but Samuel King, Jr., and Silas Thompson represented the town in the Assembly of Vermont. (*See p. 67.*)
1782. Selectmen: Samuel King, [Jr.], Jonas Fairbanks, Abner Johnson, Moses Smith, Eleazer Jackson. Representative, Samuel King, [Jr.]
1783. Selectmen: Ebenezer Harvey, Eleazer Pomeroy, Eleazer Jackson, Capt. — Davis, Lieut. — Fletcher. Representative, Samuel King, [Jr.]
1784. Selectmen: Benjamin Haskell, Peter Stone, Amos Hubbard. Representative, Samuel King, [Jr.]
1785. Selectmen: Paul Eager, Jacob Amidon, Reuben Graves. Representative, Ebenezer Harvey.

- 1786. Selectmen: Martin Warner, William Hildreth, Ezra Day. Representative, Moses Smith.
- 1787. Selectmen: Eleazer Jackson, Michael Cressey, Benjamin Haskell. Representative, Moses Smith.
- 1788. Selectmen: Eleazer Jackson, Benjamin Haskell, Silas Richardson. Representative, Moses Smith.
- 1789. Selectmen: Moses Smith, Abner Johnson, Solomon Harvey. Representative, Benjamin Haskell.
- 1790. Selectmen same as in '89. Representative, Moses Smith.
- 1791. Selectmen same as in '89. Representative, Moses Smith.
- 1792. Selectmen: Solomon Harvey, John Braley, James Wheeler. Representative, Eleazer Jackson.
- 1793. Selectmen: Eleazer Jackson, Peter Stone, Silas Richardson. Representative, Eleazer Jackson.
- 1794. Selectmen same as in '93. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1795. Selectmen: Eleazer Jackson, Silas Richardson, Asahel Shurtleff. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1796. Selectmen: Eleazer Jackson, Silas Richardson, David Stoddard. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1797. Selectmen: Michael Cressey, Jacob Amidon, Abraham Stearns. Representative, Eleazer Jackson.
- 1798. Selectmen: Joseph Atherton, Benjamin Haskell, Oliver Brown. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1799. Selectmen same as in '98. Representative, Benjamin Haskell.
- 1800. Selectmen: Eleazer Jackson, James Wheeler, Asahel Shurtleff. Representative, Benjamin Haskell.
- 1801. Selectmen: James Wheeler, Asahel Shurtleff, Joseph Pattridge. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1802. Selectmen: Martin Pomeroy, Joseph Pattridge, John Day. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1803. Selectmen: Joseph Pattridge, John Day, Ebenezer Harvey. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1804. Selectmen: John Day, Ebenezer Harvey, Jr., Wilkes Richardson. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1805. Selectmen same as in 1804. Representative, Simon Willard.

- 1806. Selectmen: John Kneeland, Abraham Stearns, Josiah Hastings, Jr. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1807. Selectmen same as in 1806. Representative, Simon Willard.
- 1808. Selectmen: John Kneeland, John Putnam, Amasa Makepeace. Representative, Levi Jackson.
- 1809. Selectmen: John Putnam, Joseph Atherton, Benjamin Cook. Representative, Levi Jackson.
- 1810. Selectmen: John Kneeland, Amasa Makepeace, Josiah Hastings. Representative, Levi Jackson.
- 1811. Selectmen: Joseph Atherton, Oliver Brown, Phineas Handerson. Representative, Levi Jackson.
- 1812. Selectmen: John Kneeland, Oliver Brown, Levi Jackson. Representative, Phineas Handerson.
- 1813. Selectmen and representative same as in '12.
- 1814. Selectmen same as in '12. Representative, Benjamin Cook.
- 1815. Selectmen: John Kneeland, Elijah Scott, Asa Fullam. Representatives: Benjamin Cook, Phineas Handerson.
- 1816. Selectmen: John Kneeland, Joseph Pattridge, Elijah Scott. Representatives: Benjamin Cook, John Putnam.
- 1817. Selectmen: Joseph Pattridge, Benjamin Cook, John Day. Representatives: John Putnam, Joseph Atherton.
- 1818. Selectmen: Benjamin Cook, John Day, Robert L. Hurd. Representatives: John Putnam, John Kneeland.
- 1819. Selectmen same as in '18. Representatives: John Kneeland, Benjamin Cook.
- 1820. Selectmen: John Kneeland, John Putnam, Robert L. Hurd. Representative, John Kneeland.
- 1821. Selectmen: John Kneeland, John Putnam, Nathan Wild. Representative, Levi Jackson.
- 1822. Selectmen: John Kneeland, Nathan Wild, Nathaniel Walton. Representative, John Kneeland.
- 1823. Selectmen same as in '22. Representative, Ebenezer Stearns.
- 1824. Selectmen same as in '22. Representative, Ebenezer Stearns.
- 1825. Selectmen same as in '22. Representative, John Kneeland.

1826. Selectmen : John Kneeland, John Putnam, Orlo Richardson. Representative, John Putnam.
1827. Selectmen : Orlo Richardson, Ezekiel P. Pierce, Nathaniel Walton. Representative, Ezekiel P. Pierce.
1828. Selectmen : Orlo Richardson, Otis Amidon, Nathaniel Walton. Representative, Orlo Richardson.
1829. Selectmen : Nathaniel Walton, Otis Amidon, Abishai Wetherbee. Representative, Orlo Richardson.
1830. Selectmen : Otis Amidon, Abishai Wetherbee, John Harris. No representative chosen.
1831. Selectmen : John Harris, Otis Amidon, Joseph Holden. Representative, Nathan Wild.
1832. Selectmen : Joseph Holden, Moses Dudley, John Harris. Representative, Nathan Wild.
1833. Selectmen : Moses Dudley, Joseph Holden, Charles Converse. Representative, Otis Amidon.
1834. Selectmen : Nathaniel Walton, Charles Converse, Orlo Richardson. Representative, Otis Amidon.
1835. Selectmen : Orlo Richardson, Charles Converse, Moses Dudley. Representative, Otis Amidon.
1836. Selectmen : Ezra Titus, Asa Marsh, Samuel Goodrich. Representative, Charles Converse.
1837. Selectmen : Samuel Goodrich, Chandler A. Cressey, Alpheus Snow. Representative, Charles Converse.
1838. Selectmen : Ara Hamilton, Chandler A. Cressey, Alpheus Snow. Representative, Otis Amidon.
1839. Selectmen : Alpheus Snow, Reuben Marsh, Ara Hamilton. Representative, Thomas Hardy.
1840. Selectmen : Ara Hamilton, Oscar Coolidge, Mark Cook. Representatives : Oscar Coolidge, Ara Hamilton.
1841. Selectmen and representatives same as in '40.
1842. Selectmen : Samuel Goodrich, Reuben Marsh, Nathaniel Walton. Representatives : Jay Jackson, Edwin Sargeant.
1843. Selectmen : Ara Hamilton, Reuben Marsh, Nathaniel Walton. Representative, Ara Hamilton.
1844. Selectmen : Nathaniel Walton, Reuben Marsh, Samuel Burt, Jr. Representatives : Jay Jackson, Nathaniel Walton.

- 1845. Selectmen: Ara Hamilton, Alpheus Snow, Parker D. Cressey. Representatives: Ara Hamilton, John Pierce.
- 1846. Selectmen: Nathaniel Walton, Parker D. Cressey, Joseph C. Goodrich. Representatives: Nathaniel Walton, Samuel J. Pattridge.
- 1847. Selectmen: Ezra Titus, Parker D. Cressey, Richard Hopkins, Jr. No representative chosen.
- 1848. Selectmen: Samuel Burt, Jr., Warham R. Platts, Otis Wheeler. Representative, Harvey Carpenter.
- 1849. Selectmen: Alpheus Snow, Moses Dudley, Arad Fletcher. Representatives: Alpheus Snow, John Harris.
- 1850. Selectmen: Chandler A. Cressey, Oscar Coolidge, Benjamin Pierce. Representatives: John Harris, David Day.
- 1851. Selectmen: Warham R. Platts, John M. Richardson, Sumner Albee. Representative, David Day.
- 1852. Selectmen: Joseph C. Goodrich, Arza K. Clark, George Chamberlain. Representatives: Harvey Carlton, Samuel J. Pattridge.
- 1853. Selectmen: Arza K. Clark, Alpheus Snow, Joseph C. Goodrich. Representative, Joseph C. Goodrich.
- 1854. Selectmen: James H. Goodrich, Reuben Porter, Asa Smith. Representative, Joseph C. Goodrich.
- 1855. Selectmen: Ebenezer P. Wetherell, Olney Goff, Ransom Farr. Representative, Ara Hamilton.
- 1856. Selectmen: Arad Fletcher, John Heywood, John M. Richardson. Representative, Otis Amidon.
- 1857. Selectmen same as in '56. Representative, Barton Skinner.
- 1858. Selectmen: Arad Fletcher, Richard H. Hopkins, William Clark. Representative, Barton Skinner.
- 1859. Selectmen same as in '58. Representative, Arad Fletcher.
- 1860. Selectmen: Rodney Fletcher, Henry O. Coolidge, Truman A. Stoddard. Representative, Arad Fletcher.
- 1861. Selectmen same as in '60. Representative, John M. Richardson.
- 1862. Selectmen: Rodney Fletcher, Charles C. P. Goodrich, George Goodrich. Representative, John M. Richardson.
- 1863. Selectmen: David W. Beckley, Arza K. Clark, Charles C. P. Goodrich. Representative, Charles C. P. Goodrich.

- 1864. Selectmen and representative same as in '63.
- 1865. Selectmen: David W. Beckley, Henry O. Coolidge, Levi L. Colburn. Representative, Richard H. Hopkins.
- 1866. Selectmen and representative same as in '65.
- 1867. Selectmen: Henry O. Coolidge, Eli R. Wellington, Frederick L. Stone. Representative, Henry O. Coolidge.
- 1868. Selectmen: Samuel J. Pattridge, George Goodrich, John W. Davis. Representative, James H. Goodrich.
- 1869. Selectmen: George Goodrich, John W. Davis, James H. Goodrich. Representative, James H. Goodrich.
- 1870. Selectmen: James H. Goodrich, John B. Fisk, Murray Davis. Representative, Warren Bingham.
- 1871. Selectmen: George Goodrich, James H. Goodrich, Murray Davis. Representative, George Goodrich.
- 1872. Selectmen: Murray Davis, James H. Goodrich, Amos R. Hubbard. Representative, Charles C. P. Goodrich.
- 1873. Selectmen: Murray Davis, Amos R. Hubbard, George S. Fletcher. Representative, Gordis D. Harris.
- 1874. Selectmen: James H. Goodrich, 2d, George S. Fletcher, John W. Davis. Representative, John F. Butler.
- 1875. Selectmen: James H. Goodrich, 2d, John L. Streeter, George S. Fletcher. Representative, John F. Butler.
- 1876. Selectmen: John L. Streeter, Amos R. Hubbard, William Atherton. Representative, John Harris.
- 1877. Selectmen: William Atherton, John L. Streeter, George Goodrich. Representative, John Harris.
- 1878. Selectmen: William Atherton, Murray Davis, George Goodrich. Representative, Oran E. Randall.
- 1879. Selectmen: Murray Davis, George Goodrich, David Holman. Representative (chosen at the November election, '78), Oran E. Randall.
- 1880. Selectmen same as in '79.
- 1881. Selectmen: Murray Davis, Larkin D. Farr, David Holman. Representative (chosen at the November election, '80), Murray Davis.

The delegates from Chesterfield to the conventions for revising the constitution of the State, have been as follows:

In 1791, Eleazer Jackson; in 1850, Ara Hamilton and Moses Dudley; in 1876, Jay Jackson.

Dr. Solomon Harvey was the delegate from Chesterfield to the convention that adopted the Federal constitution in 1788. (*See p. 105.*)

WILD'S ALMANAC.

The first number of Nathan Wild's almanac was evidently published in 1820, and its publication was continued till his death. (*See Family Histories.*) In its general arrangement and appearance, this almanac was similar to "The Old Farmer's Almanac," established by Robert B. Thomas in 1793.

The name first adopted was, "The Improved New-England Almanack and Ephemeris;" but in the course of a few years it was changed to "The Farmer's, Mechanic's and Gentleman's Almanack." Not only did Mr. Wild construct the calendars and ephemerides of his almanac, but, being a practical farmer and surveyor, he also contributed articles for the benefit of persons of like pursuits.

The "Farmer's Calendar" in the first number (that for 1820) was written by himself. The following extracts are taken from it:

"*January.*—Good morning, my old friend Homestead. Time, that gangs by like a whirlwind, has bro't us to the commencement of 1820, and tho' you and I are more than half through the furrow of life, this new year is happy indeed to us, for it finds each of us in possession of 150 acres of good *terra firma*, a neat, tidy house, with a contented wife, buxom girls, and fat boys; comfortable barn, well stocked with hay, and cattle bright and trim; our cellars well supplied with meat, sauce, butter and cheese, and our garrets with grain, beans, wool and flax. Ah! these, my old neighbor, are the rewards of industry and prudence; an honest, merry heart is a thankful one."

"*February.*—Well said! Old Boreas has done the job for us now—covered up wood-pile, fences and pig-pen. Come, boys! we'll make the most of his fleecy bounty; let us be out in the roads, shovelling and beating down paths. Winter is the time to prepare for Spring. See that your farming tools are in order—order is the beauty of business. * * * * These long evenings you call occasionally upon your minister, and spend an hour or two in 'colloquy divine.' I take it for granted he is a sensible and discreet man, and that you take delight in preparing for the *after harvest.*"

"*March.*—This is a month of winds and rains and storms. See that your buildings are all tight and warm; look to your pigs and give them a little bedding; split out your rails and posts in the dull weather. Don't let your family be running after fickle, eccentric, ever-changing Fashion. See that your

sons and your daughters have dress that is neat, tidy and respectable; give them as good an education as you can afford, but do not let them think much of painting landscapes, and such trifling arts when compared with the substantial knowledge required to make them useful and happy."

"*April.*—Farmers should rise as early and be as steadily engaged as mechanics; the man that sticks to his business makes money, but idleness is poverty in the end. * * * * "

"*May.*—*Time once gone is gone forever.* If you don't bestir yourself about your sowing and planting it will soon be too late. There is neighbor Forethought in his field with his plow, laying the sidelong furrows while the pearly dew is yet suspended on the tender spray. That's right, neighbor, plough in all the nutriment the silent night sheds upon your soil, but in the meantime have a care for your oxen—let them work within the limits of their strength, and do not half starve them for want of good hay and knobs of corn, or potatoes. * * * * How charmingly Dame Nature smiles on the husbandman, but how sad the lot of him who is doomed to drag out his existence within the confines of a city."

"*June.*—Hail, thou refreshing breath of morn! thou harbinger of health, who spreadest a cheering mantle athwart the face of nature!—Sow beets and carrots for early use, set cabbages. See that the bugs do not destroy your vines. * * * * Your dairy calls your attention, and if plenty of good butter and cheese be your object, let not your women be fretted and tormented for want of milk pails, cheese-hoops, etc., and perhaps you may find use for a little salt-petre now and then. * * * * "

"*July.*—Now men, boys and all hands, is the season for you to be wide-awake; business calls you from your pillows in earnest. If you wish to cut your grass easily and comfortably, be at it while the dew is on, and before the sun pours its direct rays upon you. * * * * Be cautious how you drink cold water, but more cautious how you drink rum. See that your hay is well dried before putting up, and do not let your boys run away with your reason for the sake of finishing haying early; be diligent and faithful," etc.

"*August.*—Delays are dangerous this month. Examine your grain often, and as soon as it is ripe be in the midst of it with your sickle, or nature will be taking that which she hath given you, and the fowls of the air will assist her. Pull and secure your flax when the heads are turned yellow. * * * "

"*September.*—There's neighbor Careless has help enough; his boys are cutting corn-stalks, and his hogs harvesting his corn and digging his potatoes. Ah! that won't do for a farmer, but he is one of our *do-for-the-present-fellows*, and must get along as he can. But mark my word for it, his granary will feel the effects of it before the year comes about, and ten to one if his purse don't too. * * * * "

"*October.*—Now, boys, if you want music you shall be satisfied; business is the tune, and we have plenty of instruments to play it upon: making cider,

harvesting corn, picking winter apples, securing garden vegetables, plowing corn-hills, etc., etc. If you want good cider you must pick your apples clean, make them up when mellow and before they are rotten; have the mill clean, keep the cider clean, and have clean casks to put it in. I do not admire a sloven for a cider-maker, nor a slut for a dairy-woman or cook. * * * Look well to your rotting flax if you want peace with your women, for peace in a family is one of the greatest of a man's blessings. * * * "

" *November.*—'Good lack!' cries old Mrs. Lounger, 'husband, I guess you'll get some glass and mend the buttery window.' 'Ah, why, madam?' 'Come here and you may see why; here's our great earthen platter blown down by the northwester, and dashed in a thousand pieces. And while you are about it, I hope you will fasten on the loose clapboards and shingles, and bank the house before the cold creeps into the cellar.' * * * * *

Be looking out for a winter school, and prepare for the education of your children by procuring a good school-master, a comfortable school-house, plenty of good fuel, and suitable school-books."

" *December.*—'What is the matter, Jim, what are you whimpering for?' says old Farmer Thoughtless. 'Oh dear, pa, the master whipped me dreadfully!' 'Ah! and what did you do?' 'Nothing, pa.' 'Whip you for nothing! then I'll see to the scoundrel; he shan't abuse *you* for nothing.' But hark ye, Farmer Thoughtless, this won't do; be very cautious how you believe such reports of your school-master; children are not apt to be willing to own they have done amiss, and you ought not to take part with your children. But if you are convinced the master has done wrong, go to him unknown to your child, and have the affair adjusted peaceably. If you wish to avoid the sheriff and lawyer, and keep the friendship and confidence of those with whom you deal, come forward promptly and settle your accounts, and 'owe no man anything.' Thus may peace and happiness be your lot."

In an article in the same number of his almanac, entitled "Hints to Surveyors," Mr. Wild used the following language:

"If you intend to give satisfaction to your employers, spare no pains to qualify yourselves for the business, for it is of very great importance that this kind of business be done with the utmost correctness. The next grand requisite to self-qualification, is to be furnished with a good set of instruments. Many a poor surveyor has lost the confidence of his employers for the want of nothing but these, and good reason for it; for, after having equipped himself with, perhaps, his grandfather's compass (the shell of which is made of a scallop squash or a billet of hemlock, the sight-vanes of a cornstalk, the needle of a rusty nail) and a strip of basswood bark for a chain, etc., he is called to run a line for his neighbor; his unfaithful compass leads him astray, so that, when he has done, his employer knows no better where to find his line than before.

But procure you a good set of instruments; get you a compass that will be

your faithful guide, and follow it with the greatest care: and should the parties be at contending variance, hearken to no one but your compass, and, though you run to their disappointment and chagrin, keep your course.

Some men, because their lines vary from their wishes, will pour forth a succession of oaths and curses as long as their lot-line; but oaths and curses and all the blasts that can be blown from the polluted jaws of man, cannot waver a good compass or a good conscience. It is a fact, generally well known to those of the art, that the compass-needle does not point directly north, and that it differs in quantity at different times and places. This difference is called *the variation of the compass*, from which arises the greatest difficulty that a skillful surveyor has to encounter. It is this variation that often creates distrust and suspicion among those who are unacquainted with the circumstance, who generally impute it to a defect in the surveyor or his compass, when in fact both may be good. All that a surveyor can do in this respect, is to observe the variation at different times, by the best possible means, and correct himself accordingly.

The magnetic needle now [May, 1819,] varies a little to the west of north. From celestial observations made by the author, it has been as follows:

			DEG.	MIN.	
Mean variation in 1812 was			6	26	[W. of N.]
"	"	1813	6	25	"
"	"	1814	6	17	"
"	"	1815	6	7	"
"	"	1816	6	3	"
"	"	1817	6	2	"
"	"	1818	6	0	" "

Mr. Wild was wont to make his observations for the correction of the magnetic needle, and other purposes, from the summit of the hill situated a short distance from his residence, north of the present stage-road leading from Factory Village to Keene. On a tree that stood on the farm then owned by him (now owned by Rev. T. L. Fowler) was found not long ago what appeared to be the characters of the twelve signs of the zodiac, which had been cut in the bark many years ago.

The present owner of this farm also informs the compiler that, more recently, he has cut a tree bearing the date 1811, and on which the variation of the needle for that year was recorded as being $6\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west. On another tree can still be seen the letters "N. R. W."—the initials of the name of his son, Nathan R., who was also a surveyor.

The hill from which Mr. Wild made his observations was occupied as a station a few years ago by Prof. Hilgard, of the U. S. Coast Survey.

In the number of his almanac for 1822, Mr. Wild had the following observation :

“ It is a circumstance worthy of remark, that the magnetic needle, in this place, was gradually approaching towards a due north direction from the year 1796 to 1818, when it became stationary at about 6 degrees west, and thus remained till the present year (1821), when it again begins to recede westerly.”

In the number for 1836 the author published a table showing the mean variation of the needle for each year from 1812 to '34, which table was the result of the author's “ own experiments from celestial observations and repeated trials, during each year, in Chesterfield.” According to this table the mean variation of the needle (beginning with the year 1819) was as follows: In 1819, $6^{\circ} 3'$ west of north; 1820, $6^{\circ} 0'$; 1821, $6^{\circ} 7'$; 1822, $6^{\circ} 12'$; 1823, $6^{\circ} 30'$; 1824, $6^{\circ} 40'$; 1825, $6^{\circ} 35'$; 1826, $6^{\circ} 35'$; 1827, $6^{\circ} 45'$; 1828, $6^{\circ} 52'$; 1829, $7^{\circ} 0'$; 1830, $7^{\circ} 6'$; 1831, $7^{\circ} 10'$; 1832, $7^{\circ} 15'$; 1833, $7^{\circ} 30'$; 1834, $7^{\circ} 35'$.

Besides the author's own contributions, this almanac contained, also, original ones by Stephen Streeter, Jr., and others, together with a considerable variety of selected matter. It was the author's intention, according to his own declaration, to admit to its pages nothing that would offend persons of any particular religious sect or political party, and, at the same time, to provide a reasonable amount of amusement for his readers, believing, as he said, “ that amusement, fitly used, is not inconsistent with the purest principles of virtue and religion.”

THE BARD OF STREETER HILL.

Many a New England town has had its bard, or “ rhymer,” who has made the incidents and events in its history, or in the lives of its citizens, the subjects of his songs and poems. Such has been the case with Chesterfield, and doubtless no history of the town would be regarded as in any degree complete, by those who were familiar with him, which should fail to preserve from oblivion a few specimens of the more popular and meritorious poetic productions of Stephen Streeter, Junior.

Mr. Streeter was a man of ordinary education, somewhat eccentric in his habits, brusk in manners and conversation, and possessing a remarkably retentive memory and poignant wit.

Though naturally kind-hearted, and sympathizing with his fellow-men in their sufferings and afflictions, he could, when his indignation was aroused, express his opinions in a way that the object of his displeasure would not easily forget.

For this reason some of his most popular songs and rhymes cannot be presented here; while the plot of others being somewhat complicated, they are intelligible only to those who are familiar with the circumstances which called them forth.

At huskings, raisings, and social gatherings, Mr. Streeter was wont to sing the songs that he had composed, and repeat the epigrams and witty poems that were the delight of his hearers; and many of his best known productions were never committed to writing by himself.

One of Mr. Streeter's favorite songs was entitled

“THE FRAY WITH A BEAR.”

“I call the attention of each merry blade;
Be still as a mouse, let nothing be said:
I'll sing you a song 't will please you to hear,
How, lately, two men had a fray with a bear.

CHORUS (repeated after each stanza): To my fol de lol li, tol lu tul larido, etc.

There was one honest Tabor and Sam Estabrooks—
Though not very handsome yet quite clever folks—
Lived on Turkey mountain, (I think it was there):
They had a terrible fray with a bear.

One day as they were returning from work—
'T was through the thick forest so dreary and dark—
One said to the other, 'I'm not without fear
That, ere we reach home, we shall meet with a bear.'

While apprehensions and fears were afresh,
They heard a loud trampling noise in the brush;
The dog he did bark, and erect stood his hair,
And both cried at once, 'Behold, there's a bear!'

'Oh,' then said honest Samuel, 'what must be done?
We have no ammunition, nor have we a gun!
In sacred devotion we'll both go to prayer,
And the good Lord will save us from this hellish bear!'

'Oh,' then replied Tabor so bold and so stout,
'I've traveled these forests all round and about;
I never abandon myself to despair,
Nor shall it be said I've run for a bear!'

At last they determined their valor to try,
 The foe to encounter, and conquer or die;
 Then with their sharp axes they boldly drew near,
 To perish like men, or vanquish the bear.

Though bears are much given to slaughter and 'pelf,'
 Yet, seeing two rivals look worse than himself,
 He sprang to a hemlock, and at them did stare,—
 Then with great dexterity up went the bear!

Then straightway to chopping our heroes they went;
 To cut down the hemlock, it was their intent;—
 It bowed its tall head that long waved in the air,
 And then tumbled down, and the dog caught the bear.

The dog from the battle did flee with defeat;
 The bear in the forest secured a retreat;
 Then home with their dog these two heroes did steer,
To pluck out the quills of the hog-thorny-bear!"

The preceding song, as well as several others, was written out from memory by a veteran clergyman (aged nearly eighty years) who learned it in his boyhood, and to him the compiler is indebted for it, though he has found several aged persons in the town who could repeat a large portion of it.

Another song, abounding in wit but somewhat lacking in coherency, was called

"THE HUNT."

As given here, half of one stanza has been omitted, and two or three verbal changes made.

"One day, for recreation,
 Some hunters did advance
 With guns and ammunition,
 To try their luck or chance.
 O'er hills and dales they wander,
 And war their guns proclaim,
 Like conq'ring Alexander,
 On Pierce's flowery plain.

The sun it now was setting,—
 Which called these sportsmen home,
 And, through the woods returning,
 Victoriously they come;

And Bacchus he descended
 To cheer their jovial souls—
 This hunting-day was ended
 In full and flowing bowls!"

Having succeeded in getting but little game save a common heron, or bittern, the hunters (who were a merchant and physician) decided to have the fowl cooked, not knowing what species of bird it was.

"Curiosity invites them
 Unto a dish so rare,
 Like kings and lords of England,
 Who eat the tender hare.

The fowl was soon dissected,
 Put on the coals to fry;
 No oil could be collected;
 The flesh was tough and dry.
 'Go get your cheese and butter,
 Your tankards filled with wine;
 This is a royal dinner,
 Like gentlemen we'll dine!"

'And now we'll ask a blessing
 Before that we sit down:
 O Lord, we do entreat thee,
 Thy favors may abound;
 And may it ever please us
 Thy laws to well obey,
 And ultimately save us,—
 And now we'll eat away!"

The merchant grew suspicious:
 The fowl did relish ill;
 The meat was not delicious;—
 He viewed the legs and bill.
 The bill was very long,
 The legs were slim and tall—
 'I swear we've eat a *heron*,
 Good heavens, Doctor Hall!"

Our poet once went to Lowell, Mass., to visit some relatives, and on his return described his journey as follows:

"To Lowell so fair I first did repair;
 Four days in that place I did tarry;
 From Dracut's fair hills I saw the famed mills,
 While wand'ring with Holland and Harry.

Then in the car's seat, so snug and so neat,
 I took my money-bought station;
 To old Boston town I quickly rode down,
 The store-house and mart of our nation.

Many things did I see that well pleas'd me,—
 The cistern that stores the fresh water;
 Likewise I went to the tall monument
 That points out the Bunker Hill slaughter.

One ev'ning I strayed where the stage-players played,
 And saw the love-actors in motion;
 Again I tripped o'er to the Navy Yard shore,
 To see the keels laid for the ocean.

While wand'ring around, two kindred I found,
 Whose kindness I grateful remember;
 With their children and wives I wish them long lives,
 And honors on earth without number.

Then to the depot I straightway did go,
 And paid the master twelve shilling;
 Paid no other bill till I hailed Streeter Hill,
 For that is the place of my dwelling."

Many years ago there stood in the neighborhood of "Christian street" a house that had the reputation of being haunted. It was occupied by a man named Turner, whose aged mother is said to have died for want of proper care. (It cannot, of course, be ascertained now how much truth there was in this report.) After she died the old spinning-wheel, that stood in the attic, was heard to turn nightly; from which circumstance the house was supposed to be haunted. Certain skeptical persons, however, proceeded to investigate the phenomenon, and proved (to their own satisfaction, at least) that the revolutions of the wheel were caused by rats that, for some reason or other, jumped upon it, thus setting it in motion. These circumstances were made the subject of a poem by Mr. Streeter, entitled

"TURNER'S GREAT WHEEL."

Three stanzas of this poem have been omitted as being somewhat obscure. A rat is represented by the poet as saying:

"It was for the crime of base ingratitude,
 That with their old mother they long had pursued;
 They wrongly compelled her to spin and to reel,—
 And for that very reason I turn their great wheel.

In sickness forlorn and neglected she lies;
 They heed not her groans, and regard not her cries;
 Their souls to perdition in future are sealed,
 And here I torment them by turning their wheel.

O, great dispensations I find there have been,
 To serve to admonish the children of men,—
 The pestilence, famine, and sword sent to kill,—
 But those did not answer like turning the wheel!

The Jews to mount Sinai once did repair,
 Their laws in the voice of loud thunder to hear;
 With horror they heard each tremendous peal,—
 But that did not answer like turning the wheel!

I'll not dwell in heaven, that mansion of light:
 Obscured by the darknees, it is my delight;
 And neither shall hell burn off my long tail—
 I will not go so far to turn the great wheel!

Young people, attend in the days of your youth;
 I will teach you the precepts of wisdom and truth,
 And, if with all men you uprightly will deal,
 I will not eat your turnips, nor turn your great wheel!

But if you persist in rebellion and sin,
 You will find many cobs and much chaff in your bin;
 Your bags I will gnaw, and your cream I will steal,
 And if that will not answer, I'll turn your great wheel!

If all of Mr. Streeter's poems could be gathered into a volume they would doubtless fill a pretty large one; in fact, the impromptu "rhymes" alone which he made for the amusement of young persons would occupy a good portion of such a volume.

To the great majority of his fellow townsmen he was best known as a composer of comic songs, epigrams and witty rhymes; he himself, however, regarded these productions as of slight importance, and was fond of the writings of the old British poets. Occasionally he wrote serious poems, commemorative of some catastrophe or the death of a friend; and sometimes riddles for publication in Nathan Wild's almanac. One of the last named compositions was printed in the number for 1826. The solution, as given in the number for the next year, is *Music*.

The riddle is as follows:

“Ye gentlemen and ladies fair,
 To me your kind attention lend;
 I am herein described so clear,
 My name with ease you'll understand.

If you would know where I began,
 And wish to trace my pedigree,—
 From God I had my origin;
 'T was in the great creation day.

If you inquire my dwelling-place,—
 Heaven is my everlasting throne;
 Hence to the earth my footsteps trace;
 In almost ev'ry clime I'm known.

I dwell with kings of high renown,
 With sages and with men of might;
 With David and King Solomon—
 I was with them a favorite.

'T is both the village and the wood,
 'T is from the palace to the thorn;
 The earth and air are my abode,
 And nature greatly I adorn.

But why should mortals me admire?
 I'm neither gold nor precious stone;
 I am not food, nor warm attire,
 Nor shelter from the scorching sun.

There's naught substantial I possess,—
 I'm light as chaff before the wind;
 Yet I was made for usefulness,
 A talent for the virtuous mind.”

The following acrostic was probably written in 1831, soon after the death of Amos Smith (Third), who died at the early age of twenty-two years :

“As lonely I strayed by the banks of the river,
 My theme, there retired, was my once valued friend
 ‘O, shall his seat be found vacant forever?
 Such weighty afflictions, what heart can withstand?’
 ‘Stay, mournful Muse, and suppress thy emotion,’
 Methinks I am answered by this willowy bower;
 ‘In Christ sweet he sleeps far from Life’s stormy ocean,
 The world’s mad’ning tempests shall vex him no more:
 He has gone to hail an ever peaceful shore.”

Another acrostic, which he wrote after the death of Mrs. Clarissa Franklin, wife of ——— Franklin. is seldom excelled in beauty of sentiment.

“Come, mournful Muse with sable wings,
 Let ev’ry mirthful harp suspend,
 And ev’ry bird that sweetly sings
 Respond in mourning for our friend.
 In youthful prime she late was seen,
 So blithesome hailed each passing day;
 Surveyed (as bloomed the flowery plain)
 And graced the scenes of rosy May.
 Fair nymph, to you we bid adieu;
 Reflections roam still unconfined.
 As Terror’s King hath dealt with you,
 Nature to all the same assigned:
 Kings have sighed away their breath,
 Lie low in the dark and silent ground.
 In Christ our friend sleeps sweet in death,
 Nor wakes till Gabriel’s trump shall sound.”

While the nation was convulsed with civil strife, while the earth trembled at the shock of contending armies, the Bard of Streeter Hill went peacefully to rest,

“Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
 About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

PART SECOND.



FAMILY HISTORIES

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GENEALOGIES.

INTRODUCTION.

THE "Family Histories and Genealogies," to which the following pages are devoted, are far from being complete. In the first place, many families have been represented in the town at different times, concerning which it is now very difficult to obtain reliable information; and even in the case of some families that are still represented, the facts relating to their ancestry are so meager as to render it impossible to construct a satisfactory genealogical record of the same anterior to the date of their establishment in Chesterfield.

On the other hand, it is not possible, in a work of moderate compass, to present complete records of a large number of families, even though the materials for such records could be obtained; so that it has been found necessary to omit much relating to some families, that would be proper in a work devoted entirely to the history of a single family.

In preparing the second part of this work, great care has been taken, as in the preparation of the first part, to avoid errors; yet, the compiler well knows that he has not always succeeded in so doing. The sources of error have been numerous, and many perplexing questions have presented themselves for solution. Both

public and private records frequently contain inaccuracies, and records obtained from different sources oftentimes conflict. In the absence of written records, it has often been necessary also to depend upon the memory of persons, especially of the aged inhabitants of the town.

The history of a few families has been rendered more imperfect than it otherwise would have been, had all the requests for information been complied with; nevertheless, it is with much pleasure that the compiler is able to say that, in the great majority of instances, he has received prompt and cheerful responses to the immense number of interrogatories that he has been obliged to make. To express in detail his indebtedness to all those who have contributed information relating to their respective families, would require more space than is at the writer's command; but that all such will find their reward in the consciousness of having aided in a good cause, he has no doubt.

With these few preliminary observations, attention is directed to the following

EXPLANATIONS AND DIRECTIONS.

The family names are printed in large capitals, and are arranged in alphabetical order. The names of heads of families are printed in small capitals, and the names of their children in *italics*. The names of children's children are sometimes given in the same paragraph, in which case they are printed in ordinary, or Roman, type.

A number enclosed in parenthesis—thus, (2), (3), etc.—placed immediately after a name, refers to a corresponding number in the left-hand margin of the page. For example, to find a further account of a person after whose name a number has been so placed, look in the left-hand margin of the page, under the proper family name, till the corresponding number is found.

As a rule, the descent has only been traced in the *male* line, and

the names of the children of *females* who have married persons belonging to families not mentioned in this volume, are seldom given.

When two dates are placed after a name (thus, 1770—1806, etc.) the first denotes the time of the appearance of the name in, and the second the time of its disappearance from, the records of the town.

In order to economize space, the following abbreviations are used :

a. <i>aged</i> .	q. v. <i>quod vide</i> (which see.) This abbreviation, placed after a name, indicates that the same will be found in its proper place.
b. <i>born</i> .	
Brat. <i>Brattleboro, Vt.</i>	
Chfd. <i>Chesterfield</i> .	
ch. <i>child or children</i> .	rem. <i>removed</i> .
dau. <i>daughter</i> .	res. <i>resides</i> .
d. <i>died</i> .	Swzy. <i>Swanzy</i> .
Dum. <i>Dummerston, Vt.</i>	unm. <i>unmarried</i> .
Hins. <i>Hinsdale</i> .	wid. <i>widow</i> .
m. <i>married</i> .	Wincr. <i>Winchester</i> .
	Wmd. <i>Westmoreland</i> .

A mark of interrogation placed after a name or date—thus, (?)—indicates that the same is doubtful.

Whenever the name of the State is omitted, New Hampshire is understood. The only exceptions to this rule are in cases in which there can be no doubt as to the location of the towns or cities mentioned.

ABBOTT, ISAAC, was a merchant at the Centre Village from 1796 to 1806. His wife was Elizabeth ———. His name is not found after 1814. Only one ch. was recorded, *Albert C.*, b. Feb. 5, 1804.

ALBEE.

1. JOHN ALBEE, of Mendon, Mass., m. Sarah ———, d. June 7, 1799; he d. March 25, 1799. He had, at least, 13 ch. Of these, *Zuriel*, b. Jan. 16, 1748. m. Anna Penniman, and settled in Wmd.; *Abner* (2), b. Oct. 23, 1751, settled in Chfd.; *Ichabod* (3), b. Dec. 18, 1755, settled in Wmd.
2. ABNER, son of John (1), m. Kate ———, d. in 1806, a. 52. He settled in Chfd. as early as 1776.

Ch. : *Rachel*, b. Feb. 2, 1779.—*Willard*, b. Oct. 11, 1781; m. *Polly* ———, d. in 1838, a. 60. He d. in Chfd., in 1815.—*Ferusha*, b. Jan. 25, 1783; m., 1807, Benj. Blodgett (3); d. July 25, 1853. [There may have been others.]

3. ICHABOD, son of John (1), m., in Mendon, Mass., Lona Hayward, b. Nov. 28, 1761, and d. June 3, 1846. He settled in Wmd., where he d.

Ch.: (All b. in Wmd.) *Esther*, b. March 9, 1788; d. March 4, 1852.—*Ahira*, b. April 7, 1790; d. July 25, 1853.—*John*, b. July 15, 1792; m., 1829, Elsie, dau. of Benj. Wild (1). *Azubah*, b. Feb. 21, 1795.—*Harding*, b. March 8, 1800; d. Nov. 13, 1863.—*Sumner*, b. Dec. 19, 1804; m., 1836, Nancy, dau. of Thomas Messer, and who was b. in Walpole, Aug. 16, 1796, and d. in Chfd., Sept. 18, 1880. He settled in Chfd. about 1834, where he now res. Farmer. Selectman 1851. Has no ch.

ALBEE.

1. PETER ALBEE probably came from Mendon, Mass., before 1785. He settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, Prescott B. Albee, situated near the present highway leading from Factory Village to Wmd., near the northern boundary of Chfd. His wife was Rhoda Penniman, d. in 1836, in her 88th year. He d. in 1816, a. 70.

Ch.: *Elkanah*, resided in Highgate, Vt., where he d.—*Ziba* (2), b. 1775.—*Peter*, b. Dec. 17, 1788; m. 1st, 1810, Esther Penniman, d. 1815, a. 24; 2d, 1817, Louisa, dau. of Caleb Wetherbee (q. v.).—*Hephzibah*, d. young.—*Lucretia*, d. young.—*Clark*, b. March 5, 1795; m. Zubah Hammond, of Swzy. Rem. to Highgate, where he d. [Order of the above somewhat uncertain.]

2. ZIBA, son of Peter (1), m. Nancy Babbitt, of Wmd., d. Sept. 4, 1862, a. 82. Resided in Chfd. He d. Aug. 24, 1835.

Ch.: *Lucretia*, b. Nov. 9, 1801; m., 1827, Samuel J. Patridge (5).—*Allen G.*, b. Aug. 31, 1804; d. May 15, 1817.—*Prescott B.* (3), b. Nov. 29, 1805.—*Henry N.*, b. April 16, 1807; m. Harriet Shaw, of Wmd.; d. in Boston.—*Mariah*, b. Oct. 18, 1808; m. Arba Barker, of Wmd.—*Senira*, b. April 26, 1810; m. Col. Tileston A. Barker, of Wmd.—*Godfrey B.*, b. April 22, 1811; m. 1st, Hannah Prindall, of Boston; 2d, ——— Willard; d. July 14, 1863.—*Humphrey G.*, b. July 20, 1812; m. Eliza Sanderson, d. Feb. 15, 1855, a. 35.

Res. in Chfd. Has one son, Humphrey.—*Judith D.*, b. Nov. 16, 1813; d. Mar. 5, 1826.—*Joseph F.*, b. March 11, 1815; d. Nov. 18, 1816.—*Nancy*, b. Aug. 15, 1816; m. Stephen Howard, of Athol, Mass.—*Sarah A.*, b. March 15, 1819; m. Lloyd Goodnow; d. July 12, 1852.—*Joseph A.*, b. April 17, 1823; m. Harriet McKenney, of Boston, where he res.—*Eunice B.*, b. March 16, 1825; m., Oct. 29, 1848, Gordis D., son of Wilder Harris (9).

3. PRESCOTT B., son of Ziba (2), m., Oct. 11, 1832, Calista G., dau. of Abel Gleason, of Wmd., and who was b. Nov. 19, 1811. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Barton P.*, b. Aug. 26, 1833; d. July 10, 1878, unm.—*Ellen C.*, b. Sept. 25, 1837; d. July 31, 1839.—*Emily M.*, b. March 14, 1840; m., Oct. 6, 1863, Wallace Drew, of Duxbury, Mass.—*Charles H.*, b. June 27, 1843; unm.—*Eliot G.*, b. June 19, 1846; m., Sept. 30, 1869, Emma Vane, of N. Y. City. Res. in Brooklyn, N. Y.—*Ella C.*, b. Sept. 19, 1848; m. Feb. 13, 1872, Gordis R., son of Presson Stearns (4).—*Lucie E.*, b. Nov. 2, 1850; d. Jan. 23, 1879, unm.—*Cora E.*, b. Feb. 13, 1860; m., Oct. 7, 1880, Wm. H. Stevens, of Acworth.

ALBEE, Capt. NATHANIEL, probably came from Mendon, Mass., about 1804. He m. 1st, Sena Penniman, d. 1815, a. 44; 2d, 1817, Sarah T., dau. of John White (1), and who d. in 1849, a. 54. He d. in Chfd., April 11, 1853, a. 79. His ch. by second marriage were: *Sally F.*, b. 1817 or '18; m. Lincoln Goodnow (q. v.); d. May 21, 1848.—*Mary A.*, m. Joseph, son of Daniel Fletcher (3).—*Olive W.*, b. Oct. 12, 1824; m. Nov. 3, 1847, Rodney Fletcher (7).—*Harriet L.*, b. Oct. 25, 1828; m., July 5, 1849, Horace Howe (3).

ALDRICH, BEZA, son of Gen. George and Azubah (How) Aldrich, of Wmd., b. Sept. 21, 1779, m. Lydia Arnold, d. in Chfd., May 2, 1866, a. 76. He settled in Chfd. in 1831 or '32. He d. Oct. 28, 1857.

Ch.: *Warren L.*, b. 1822; m. twice. Res. in Millbury, Mass.—*William A.*, b. 1824; m. ———. Res. in San Francisco, Cal.—*Helen A.*, b. Dec. 25, 1829; unm. Res. in Chfd.—*George A.*, d. in infancy.

ALEXANDER.

According to family tradition, John Alexander came from Scotland to this country before 1644. From him was descended, in the sixth generation, Asa Alexander (John 1, George 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Asa 6.) Asa, who was born in 1742, settled in Winchester. One of his sons was Ebenezer (1), b. Apr. 24, 1765.

1. EBENEZER ALEXANDER, son of Asa, of Wincr., m. Rhoda, dau. of James Scott, and who was b. Jan. 10, 1770, and d. July 5, 1831. He appears to have settled in Chfd in 1787 or '88, the latter of which years he purchased lot No. 8, in the 5th range. He resided in Chfd. till about 1800, when he rem. to Montague, Mass. He d. Dec. 6, 1844.

Ch.: *Eusebia P.*; b. 1788.—*Emery*, b. 1790. *Mercy*.—*Oliver B.*, b. 1795.—*Henry F.*, b. 1797; d. 1852.—*Mary B.*, b. 1800; m. David Granger.—*Ebenezer*, b. 1802; d. 1835.—*Chloe*, b. about 1804.—*Willard H.* (2), b. Sept. 14, 1806.—*Octavia*, b. 1808.—*Merab A.*, b. 1811.

2. WILLARD H., son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1829, Eunice L., dau. of Elijah Scott (q. v.). At the age of about 11 years he came to Chfd., and lived with Oliver Brown, of whom, in his old age, he had the care. He resided in Chfd. till 1851, when he rem. to Brat., where he now res.

Ch.: *Charles E.*, m. Ellen A., dau. of Erastus Harris (6). Res. in Brat.—*Elijah S.*, m. Josephine Phelps. *Henry W.*, m., Mary A. Clark.—*John F.*, m. Mary A. Perry.—*Eunice A.*, d. in Brat. Jan. 1, 1851.

ALLEN, WILLIAM, m. Lydia ———. The name disappears before 1787. Had a son, *William*, b. May 6, 1780.

ALLEN, DANIEL, here in 1785, but seems to have remained but a short time.

AMIDON.

1. EPHRAIM AMIDON probably rem. from Oxford, Mass., to Wmd., previous to 1777, and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, Ephraim Amidon. He was a member of Capt. Kimball Carlton's company in 1777, which took part in the battle of Bennington. His wife was Jane Robbins. d. May 28, 1834, a. 82. He d. in Wmd., Mar. 21, 1822, a. 73.

Ch.: *Hephzibah*, b. July 11, 1773; m. Amos, son of Jonas

Stearns (2) ; d. in Chfd. Sept. 8, 1847.—*Matilda*, b. Apr. 17, 1775 ; d. young.—*Abigail*, b. Mar. 3, 1777 ; m. George Per-son, of Windham, Vt.—*Ebenezer*, b. Feb. 25, 1779 ; d. young.—*Noah*, b. June, 1781 ; d. young.—*Polly*, b. July 31, 1782 ; m., 1804, Benajah Smith (15) ; d. Jan. 10, 1856.—*Salome*, b. May 18, 1784 ; m. Samuel, son of Samuel Stearns (3).—*Nathaniel* (2), b. Dec. 20, 1786.—*Jane*, b. Aug. 9, 1789 ; d. young. *Ephraim* (3), b. Feb. 20, 1792.

2. NATHANIEL, son of Ephraim (1), m., 1810, Sally, dau. of Samuel Stearns (3), and who d. Sept. 3, 1856. He resided in Wmd., where he d. Feb. 2, 1870.

Ch. : *Sarah*, b. Sept. 1, 1811, m., 1831, Russell Farr (5) ; d. Mar. 10, 1842.—*Hipsabath* (or *Hephzibah*), b. Sept. 3, 1813 ; m. Charles Davenport (3) ; d. Dec. 27, 1865.—*Nathan-iel*, b. Mar. 20, 1816 ; m. Marcia Hackett. Res. in Wmd. Has one son, Squire N.—*Ephraim* (4), b. June 5, 1818.—*Squire* (5), b. Jan. 18, 1824.—*Roxana*, b. May 14, 1826 ; m. 1st, I. Carlton Farr (8) ; 2d, Erastus Estabrooks ; d. July 10, 1873.—*Calista*, b. June 6, 1829 ; m., Jan. 2, 1850, Elijah Lowe, of Wmd.—*Henry*, b. July 18, 1831 ; d. Oct. 11, 1832.—*Mary J.*, b. May 20, 1835 ; m., Mar. 6, 1858, George Big-elow.

4. EPHRAIM, son of Nathaniel (2), m., Mar. 16, 1841, Sally P., dau. of Gardner Smith (17). Res. in Wmd. Carpenter and farmer.

Ch. : *Ephm. Riley*, b. Apr. 28, 1842 ; m., Feb. 1, 1870, Emily A., dau. of Harry Allen, of Dum., and who d. July 30, 1880.—*Sarah Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 2, 1844 ; m., Jan. 3, 1871, Frederick T., son of Alpheus Stewart.—*Joseph Azro*, b. Mar. 6, 1847 ; m., Jan. 18, 1875, Rose E., dau. of David B. Plympton.—*Ferome A.*, b. July 2, 1850.—*Wm. Larkin*, b. Dec. 19, 1855 ; m., June 8, 1881, Ada M., dau. of Geo. W. Johnson (3).—*James Walter*, b. Nov. 1, 1858.

5. SQUIRE, son of Nathaniel (2), m. 1st, 1853, Martha H. dau. of Ephm. and Lurana (Daggett) Wheeler, of Wmd., and who was b. Apr. 13, 1835, and d. Dec. 25, 1877 ; 2d, Mar. 12, 1879, Mrs. Eliza McClenning, wid. of John McClenning (q. v.), and dau. of Aaron C. Brown (1). At present farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Alta M.*, b. July 4, 1854; m. James T. Starkey, of Wmd.—*Lorenzo S.*, b. Oct. 22, 1856; d. in infancy.—*Lorenzo S.*, b. Dec. 30, 1858.—*Charles L.*, b. Dec. 28, 1862.—*George F.*, b. Feb. 6, 1866.—*Alice M.*, b. Sept. 20, 1868.—*Burton H.*, b. Mar. 7, 1874.

3. EPHRAIM, son of Ephraim (1), m. Martha, dau. of Elijah Barrows, of Wmd., and who d. June 26, 1851, a. 54. Resided in Chfd. He d. Jan. 26, 1851.

Ch.: *Martha Jane*, b. Dec. 3, 1821; m., Feb. 15, 1849, Otis Gibson, a native of Hopkinton, Mass., d. in Dum., Dec. 3, 1872. She res. at present in Chfd. A son, Otis Gibson, Jr., was b. Mar. 7, 1851, and d. Apr. 27, 1879; another, Willis H., d. in infancy, Aug. 28, 1863.—*Elijah* (6), b. Dec. 9, 1823.—*Laura*, b. Aug. 14, 1826; m., Feb. 15, 1849, Snow Prentice (4).—*Alzina*, b. Oct. 7, 1830; d. May 29, 1866, unm.—*Fanny E.*, b. Oct. 8, 1833; d. Nov. 3, 1851, unm.—*Henry E.* (7), b. June 5, 1838.

6. ELIJAH, son of Ephraim (3), m., Nov. 13, 1851, Alzina Maria, dau. of Samuel Farr (4). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Sidney M.*, b. Sept. 8, 1858; d. Dec. 13, same year.—*Clara E.*, b. Mar. 12, 1860.—*Martha F.*, b. Dec. 23, 1864.—*Elmer A. Ryon* (adopted son), b. June 12, 1875; d. Feb. 14, 1879.

7. HENRY E., son of Ephraim (3), m., Jan. 1, 1868, Lucina Z., dau. of Willard Dodge, of Dum. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Raymond H.*, b. Feb. 15, 1869.—*Otis W.*, b. Oct. 22, 1870.—*Alzina Z.*, b. June 21, 1875.—*Merton S.*, b. Apr. 24, 1877.—*Leroy H.*, b. Apr. 23, 1879.

AMIDON.

1. JACOB AMIDON, b. in Mendon, Mass., in 1753 or '54, was in college at the time of the commencement of the Revolution, but soon enlisted in the patriot army, and served during the most of the war, with the exception of 28 months, during which time he was detained a prisoner on a British prison-ship.

Dec. 23, 1782, he purchased in Chfd. a portion of lot No. 5, in the 8th range, and probably settled in the town soon afterwards. He resided near the Centre Village, on the farm after-



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wards owned and occupied many years by his son, Otis, and built the house now owned by the Methodist society of Chfd., and used as a parsonage. He probably engaged in trade for a while after coming to Chfd., as he was styled, in the deed of the land he had purchased in this town, a "trader." In 1785, he was chosen clerk of the town, and held the office, by successive elections, till 1800. He was also selectman in 1785 and '97. His wife was Esther, dau. of Timothy Ladd (q. v.), and who d. Mar. 26, 1852, in her 90th year. He d. Feb. 11, 1839, a. 85.

Ch.: *Lucretia*, b. Oct. 3, 1785; unm.; d. in Chfd.—*Harriet*, b. June 7, 1788; d. May. 14, 1799.—*Rachel*, b. May 16, 1791; d. 1795.—*Otis* (2), b. Apr. 26, 1794.—*Rachel*, b. Mar. 19, 1797; d. Aug. 1, 1807.—*Harriet*, unm.; d. Apr. 14, 1871, a. 67.

2. OTIS, son of Jacob (1), m., Mar. 16, 1825, Nancy, dau. of Benj. Cook (q. v.), and who d. in Hins., Dec. 5, 1868. After his marriage he settled in Chfd., on the old homestead, and continued to reside here as long as he lived, engaging to some extent in agriculture, and, for a while, in trade at the Centre Village. For many years he took a prominent part in the affairs of the town and church, serving the former in the capacity of selectman in 1828, '29, '30 and '31, and representing it in the General Court in '33, '34, '35, '38 and '56. For a long time, also, he held the office of justice of the peace, the duties of which he was well qualified to perform, and was one of the veteran "'Squires" of the town, as well as one of its most substantial and influential citizens. He d. July 22, 1866.

Ch.: *Charles Jacob* (3), b. Apr. 23, 1827. [Four d. in infancy.]

3. CHARLES JACOB, son of Otis (2), m., May 11, 1851, Mary J., dau. of Daniel L. Harvey (7), and rem. to Hins., where he has ever since resided.

Having received in his earlier years a good academic education, he engaged in trade, in 1849 and '50, at the Centre Village, in partnership with Henry O. Coolidge, who, like himself, has also become one of the most prominent business men

in Cheshire county. In 1851, (as mentioned above) he removed from this town to Hinsdale, where he continued to engage in mercantile pursuits for a number of years. In the spring of 1862, he commenced to manufacture woolen goods, in which business he is at present engaged, being now the sole proprietor of the mill known as the "Hinsdale Woolen-Mill." Though this is by no means a large factory, as compared with some of the great mills of the country, it has, nevertheless, been more fortunate than some of its larger rivals; for while the latter have been idle, at times, for want of orders to fill, this comparatively small mill has had enough to do. At present Mr. Amidon employs in his factory about 90 persons, producing daily about 2000 yards of cashmerettes, in the manufacture of which he uses yearly about 600,000 pounds of wool and 600,000 yards of cotton warp.

Though extensively engaged in business, Mr. Amidon has taken an active part in public affairs. In 1855 and '56, he held the office of bank commissioner under Gov. Metcalf, and also one year under Gov. Haile. From 1861 to '64, inclusive, he represented Hinsdale in the General Court; and again in '76 and '77, being also, in '76, a member of the Constitutional Convention. In March, 1878, he was elected a member of the N. H. Senate, and was re-elected at the November election, the same year. He has also held various other positions of trust and honor, and has ever been active in assisting to promote the welfare of the town and village in which he resides.

Ch.: *Philip Frank*, b. Jan. 27, 1852; m., Apr. 9, 1873, Martha C, dau. of David S. Walton (6). Res. in Hins.—*Mary E.*, b. July 31, 1859.—*Esther M.*, b. Feb. 4, 1862; d. Aug. 7, 1865.—*Wm. Otis*, b. Nov. 24, 1864.

ANDREWS.

1. NEHEMIAH ANDREWS, from Belchertown, Mass., settled in Chfd. between 1815 and '19, having previously been a sailor. He m. 1st, Alice L. ———, d. Nov. 26, 1812, a. 31; 2d, Betsey L. ———, d. Feb. 8, 1855, a. 65. He d. in 1860, a. about 78.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Nehemiah C.*, m. Aug. 19, 1833,



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Lydia A., dau. of Benoni Streeter (q. v.), and who d. Aug. 23, 1871. Farmer in Chfd. He d. Apr. 7, 1867, a. 56. Had no ch.—*Susan*.—*Alice*, m. Abial Wood.—*Sarah L.* and *Eunice* (twins). Sarah m., 1841, Timothy B. Lewis; Eunice m. Eleazer Bartlett, of Belchertown, Mass.—*Betsey E.*, m., 1837, Sumner, son of Squire Spaulding (1). *Ebenezer* (2).—*Amelia*, unm.—*Mary*, unm.

2. EBENEZER, son of Nehemiah (1), m., Nov., 1860, Lydia A., dau. of Chas. Davenport (3). Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Mar. 11, 1871, a. 54.

Ch.: *Charles E.*, b. July 19, 1861.—*Marium E.*, b. Nov. 21, 1862.—*George E.*, b. Oct. 18, 1865.

ARNOLD, DAVID, b. in Taunton, Mass., Mar. 28, 1792, m., May 6, 1830, Lettie, dau. of Caleb and Silence Howe, of Wmd., and who was b. Oct. 21, 1801. He settled in Chfd. (at Factory Village) in 1832 or '33, and engaged in the tanning of hides, in which business he continued a number of years. He d. Mar. 16, 1853.

Ch.: *Adaline H.*, b. Feb. 25, 1832; m., July 4, 1855, Leonard W. Slade, a native of Bombay, N. Y., but now a resident of Chfd. They have 2 ch.: David W. Slade, b. May 11, 1861; Birdie E. A. Slade, b. Mar. 3, 1871.—*Ann Maria*, b. Nov. 12, 1833; m. Frank B. Wilson, of Keene.—*Sarah Jane*, b. July 1, 1835; m., Aug. 17, 1862, Joseph W. Pierce (3).—*Mary E.*, b. Sept. 22, 1838.

ATHERTON.

James Atherton settled in Milton, Mass., where he was taxed from 1678 to 1703. His wife was Hannah ———. He d. at Sherburn, Mass., probably about 1707. He had, at least, two sons, James and Joshua. Joshua m. Mary Culliver, of Milton, where he appears to have resided a part of his life. One of his sons was Joseph, who m. ——— Rogers, of Harvard, Mass., in which town he settled. Joseph had, at least, five children, one of whom was Oliver. Oliver m. ——— Godfrey, and settled in Harvard. His children were as follows: Joseph (2), b. Aug. 15, 1750; Oliver (3), b. about 1755; Philemon, who resided in Harvard; Samuel, who rem. to Steuben, N. Y.; Mary, who m. ——— Willard; Rachel, who m. ——— Hartwell, of Littleton, Mass.; Esther, who m. David Atherton.

2. JOSEPH ATHERTON, son of Oliver, of Harvard, Mass., and the descendant of James Atherton, m., 1771, Hannah Farnsworth

of Groton, Mass., d. in Chfd., Apr. 15, 1835, a. 82. June 28, 1794, he purchased in Chfd. lots Nos. 11 and 12, in the 4th range, and soon after settled on one of them. The hill on which he lived, and on which he built a mansion-like dwelling, is now called "Atherton Hill." He was selectman in 1798, '99, 1809, '11, and representative in 1817. He d. Apr. 4, 1839, "honored and respected by his neighbors and townsmen."

Ch.: *Nathaniel* (4), b. Jan. 1, 1773.—*Oliver* (5), b. Aug. 4, 1774.—*Arathusa*, b. May 15, 1778; m. Clark Hubbard (q. v.), and rem. to Swanton, Vt.—*Sally*, b. Mar. 30, 1780; m. Leonard Robinson, of Swanton, Vt.—*Humphrey*, b. May 4, 1783. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1806, and afterwards went to Philadelphia, where he became an eminent lawyer. He d. Aug. 15, 1850.—*Fanny*, b. Jan. 10, 1785; m., 1812, Sewell Buffum, of Wmd.; d. 1836.—*Rachel*, b. June 8, 1787; unm. She lived with her father and mother till they died. She was known by the familiar name of "Aunt Rachel," and was "a friend to all, and all who knew her were her friends." She d. July 31, 1868.—*Lucy*, b. Oct. 23, 1791; m., 1812, Wilson Gleason, of Wmd., where she d.

4. NATHANIEL, son of Joseph (2), m. 1st, 1801, Jemima Daniels, of Wmd., d. Apr. 4, 1817; 2d, 1819, Mrs. Charlotte Fletcher, wid. of Abel Fletcher (1), and dau. of Ephm. Hubbard (2), and who d. Feb. 9, 1848. He settled in Chfd., on the paternal farm. He d. Aug. 4, 1855.

Ch.: *Emily*, b. Jan. 13, 1803; m., 1832, Lucian B. King, and rem. to Rochester, N. Y.; d. 1838.—*Persis*, b. Aug. 15, 1804; m., 1825, Abial, son of James Robertson (4), and rem. to Le Roy, N. Y.—*Nathaniel D.*, b. Aug. 13, 1806; unm. He lived several years in Western New York, removing thence to Ypsilanti, Mich., where he engaged in teaching. His health failing, he returned to Chfd., where he d. Nov. 14, 1834.—*Arathusa*, b. Jan. 6, 1808; m., Feb. 15, 1837, Eliphallet Nye, of Woodstock, Vt., and resided in Manchester (N. H.); d. May 1, 1845.—*Joseph* (6), b. Dec. 14, 1810.—*Humphrey* (7), b. Jan. 19, 1815.—*George* (8), b. Mar. 23, 1817.—*Charlotte*, b. Oct. 9, 1819; d. Mar. 25, 1839, unm.—*Otis*, b. Apr. 19, 1821; m. — Osborn. Settled in

Leominster, Mass. He d. Dec., 1869.—*Hannah F.*, b. July 25, 1823; m., Mar. 5, 1845, Joseph C. Goodrich (2).—*William* (9), b. Dec. 18, 1826.—*Rachel*, b. Aug. 27, 1829; d. June 25, 1851, unm.

6. JOSEPH, son of Nathaniel (4), m. ——— Warner. He finally settled in Prairie Du Chien, Wis., where he engaged extensively in farming, and took an active part in public affairs. He d. Jan. 6, 1880.

Ch.: *Carrie*.—*Emma*.—*Joseph*.

7. HUMPHREY, son of Nathaniel (4), m., Mar. 22, 1854, Hannah E. Mason, of Putney, Vt. When a young man he engaged to a considerable extent in school-teaching. For many years he has been a resident of Brat., where, for a while, he was engaged in trade.

Ch.: *Lucy M.*, b. Sept. 20, 1864.—*Edward H.*, b. Feb. 5, 1867.

8. GEORGE, son of Nathaniel (4), m. June 12, 1843, Eliza L., dau. of Squire Streeter (4), and who d. Feb. 14, 1863. Resided in Chfd. He d. Sept. 5, 1851.

Ch.: *Emily J.*, b. June 21, 1845; m. 1st, Dec., 1868, Henry N., son of Noyes Darling (7); 2d, Nov., 1878, Henry C., son of Asa Marsh (3).—*Ann E.*, b. Aug. 10, 1847.—*Fane M.*, b. Oct. 19, 1849.

9. WILLIAM, son of Nathaniel (4), m., Mar. 10, 1852, Hannah Maria, dau. of George Pierce (1). Res. in Chfd. Farmer. Selectman 1876, '77, '78; supervisor 1880.

Ch.: *John W.*, b. Dec. 26, 1852; m., Jan. 29, 1880, Emma J. Bartlett, of Wmd.—*Joseph A.*, b. Mar. 9, 1856; m., Nov. 12, 1879, Clara A. Whipple, of Orange, Mass.—*Anna M.*, b. Apr. 5, 1859.—*Fred E.*, b. Dec. 6, 1860.

5. OLIVER, son of Joseph (2), m., 1804, Polly, dau. of Moses Smith (3), and who d. Dec. 4, 1849. He settled in Chfd., on a farm adjoining his father's. He d. Sept. 29, 1830.

Ch.: *Alonzo D.* (10), b. Nov. 13, 1804.—*Oliver F.*, b. Dec. 6, 1806; m. Marietta Knapp, of Moscow, N. Y., where he settled. He d. Feb., 1865, leaving no ch.—*Mary A.*, b. Aug. 7, 1808; m., 1840, Thomas J. Perry, of Woodstock, Vt.—*Maria*, b. Dec. 23, 1810; unm. Res. at present in Chfd.—

- Harriet M.*, b. Dec. 31, 1814; m., Dec., 1866, Jewett, son of Boynton Darling (5).—*Charles B.* (11), b. May 29, 1817.—*Lewis*, b. Mar. 10, 1820; m. Kate Goodsell, of Adrian, Mich. Settled in Hudson, Mich.
10. ALONZO D., son of Oliver (5), m., Jan. 24, 1832, Sarah, dau. of Samuel Goodrich (1). Rem. in 1837 to Barre, N. Y., where he d. Aug. 9, 1880.
 Ch.: *Alonzo*, b. in Chfd., May 30, 1833; m., Nov. 1, 1860, in Barre, Phebe A. Brigas.—*Sarah H.*, b. in Chfd., Dec. 10, 1834; m., Sept. 8, 1858, in Barre, Benj. Talcott Porter.—*Samuel G.*, b. in Chfd. Jan. 2, 1837; m., Mar. 29, 1862, in Binbrook, Canada West, Sarah Barlow.—*Emily M.*, b. in Barre, Dec. 21, 1838; m. 1st, Nov. 24, 1870, in Barre, Chas. H. Webster, d. Mar. 9, 1871; 2d, Oct. 28, 1875, in the same town, Ozro Love.—*Mary Ellen*, b. in Barre, May 20, 1848.—*Martha A.*, b. in Barre, Nov. 12, 1850.
11. CHARLES B., son of Oliver (5), m., Oct. 28, 1847, Laura T. Barrett, d. Nov. 18, 1860, in her 35th year. Resided in Chfd. He d. Sept. 26, 1854.
 Ch.: (Two d. in infancy).—*Charles Fred*, b. July 2, 1853; m., Oct. 11, 1876, Ida A. Dow, of Bellows Falls, Vt., b. Feb. 5, 1857. Express messenger between Bellows Falls and Boston.
3. OLIVER ATHERTON, son of Oliver, of Harvard, Mass., and brother of Joseph Atherton (2), b. Aug. 16, 1755, was in Chfd. in 1787, which year he m. Abigail, dau. of Timothy Ladd (q. v.) He was a physician, and probably lived at, or near, the Centre Village. He d. Jan. 19, 1812. His ch., so far as known, were: *Booz Moore*, b. Sept. 30, 1788; m. Chloe ———. Lawyer He was in Cleveland, O., in 1819, and in New Philadelphia, the same state, in 1834. A son, George Oliver, was b. in Wmd., July 9, 1814.—*George F.*, b. Dec. 30, 1790. Is said to have resided in Wis. (?)—*Pascal*, b. 1793; d. 1794.

BACON.

1. NATHANIEL BACON settled in Chfd. as early as 1770, in the western part of the town, near the "river road." His wife was ——— Newell. He was a weaver by trade, and is said,

on one occasion, to have jumped through his web, in a fit of passion: hence the expression, "Jump through your web, old Bacon," addressed to persons who get angry and make "much ado about nothing." Soldier 1776. He d. Sept. 10, 1823, in the 96th year of his age.

Ch.: (So far as known, but order uncertain) *Philip* (2).—*Nathaniel*, resided at Otter Creek, Vt.—*David*, unm.—*Lois*, b. July 31, 1759; m. 1779, Benjamin Smith (6); d. Aug. 17, 1840.—*James*.—*Clarissa*, m., 1806, Eleazer, son of Eleazer Jordan (1).—*Mariam*, m. ——— Atwood.—*John*, m., 1800, Persis Smith, and rem. to Ohio.—*Susanna*, m. ——— Howlitt.—*Hannah*, m. ——— Goodnow.

2. PHILIP, son of Nathaniel (1), m. ———. His name disappears between 1815 and '19. He may have d. in Chfd.

Ch.: (So far as known, but order uncertain) *Olive*, m. David Hutchins, of Wmd.—*Roxana*, m. Joel Willard, of Dum.—*Betsey*.—*Lois*, m. Joshua Tyler (2)—*Lucy*, m., 1814, William Holden (2).—*Mariam*, m., 1815, Levi, son of Aaron Fisk (1).

BAKER, Dr. OLIVER, son of Dr. Oliver Baker, b. in Plainfield, Aug. 16, 1788, studied medicine in the Medical Department of Dartmouth College, under Dr. Nathan Smith. In 1809, he settled in Chfd., where he practised his profession till 1840. He then rem. to West Hartford, Vt., where he remained about two years. He afterwards practised in Plainfield, and in Windsor, Vt. He m. Sally Ticknor, b. in Lebanon, Feb. 10, 1790, and d. in Windsor, Vt., Apr. 21, 1860. He d. at his daughter's home, in Plainfield, July 4, 1865.

Ch.: *Maria T.*, b. Aug. 5, 1811; m., 1831, Daniel, son of Shubael Waldo (2); d. at Meridosia, Ill., Sept. 20, 1834.—*Elizabeth D.*, b. June 4, 1814; m. 1st, Alpheus Hyde; 2d, Ransom Dutton, of Plainfield, where she d. Sept. 14, 1865.—*Caroline C.*, b. Sept. 1, 1816; m. Cephas Hyde; d. at Belchertown, Mass., June 9, 1842.—*Julia Ann W.*, b. May 2, 1819; m., 1837, John W. Blodgett.—*John W. H.*, b. Aug. 21, 1821; m., Jan. 1, 1845, Julia A., dau. of Orlo Richardson (2). He graduated at the Medical Department of Dartmouth

College, in the class of 1843, and is now a resident of Davenport, Iowa.—*Oliver H. P.*, b. Aug. 16, 1824; d. at Lebanon, May 30, 1854.—*Erastus D.*, b. Apr. 17, 1832; resides at Essex Junction, Vt., where he holds the office of deputy-sheriff.

BALDWIN, EPHRAIM, was in Chfd. in 1763, which year he purchased land in this town, of which house-lot No. 8, in the 10th range, was a part. He m., 1758, Sarah Bingham. Was town-clerk from 1770 to '85; selectman '73, '74, '76. He was also a justice of the peace. (For an account of his citation before the N. H. Assembly in 1778, see Chap. III.) His name appears for the last time, on the tax-lists, in 1790. Five ch. were recorded: *Sarah*, b. Apr. 13, 1759; m. (prob.), 1778, Wm. Lee (q. v.)—*Roxelana*, b. Oct. 21, 1765.—*Hannah*, b. Mar. 1771; d. the same year.—*John*, b. Feb. 8, 1776.—*Lemuel*, b. Sept. 23, 1777; d. 1778.

BALDWIN, DANIEL, was in Chfd. in 1770. He appears to have m. 1st, Rebecca ———; 2d, Susanna ———. Soldier 1777 and '80. His name disappears about 1803.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *John*, b. Jan. 30, 1771.—*Sally*, b. Mar. 24, 1773; prob. d. young.—(By 2d marriage) *Sally*, b. Jan. 14, 1787.—*Daniel*, b. Jan. 16, 1789.—*Ire (Ira)*, b. Jan. 27, 1791.

BALDWIN, ASA, m., 1802, Susanna Smith.

BALLARD, SYLVANUS, appears to have come to Chfd. about 1792. His wife was Judith ———, d. July 4, 1806, in her 75th year. He may have d. before, as his name soon disappears.

BALLARD, BENJAMIN, appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1794. He m. 1st, Sally, dau. of Jona. Cressey (3), and who d. Mar. 8, 1803; 2d, Abigail, dau. of Nathan Worden (1). In 1826, he was living in Wmd., from which town he afterwards rem.

Ch.: *Sally*, b. Mar. 8, 1803; d. the 30th of same month.—*Sarah*, b. Sept. 6, 1806; m., 1832, James Grimes, of Keene.—*Benjamin E.*, b. Sept. 18, 1808; m. Amy Dinsmore, of Wincr.—*John Day*, b. Jan. 6, 1812; d. June 5, 1814.—*Samantha*, b. Mar. 2, 1814; m. Franklin Thomas, of Hins.—

Adoniram J., b. and d. 1816.—*Emeline*, b. Jan. 11, 1818; m., 1839, Royal Wyatt, of Gill, Mass.; d. June 13, 1847.—*Fane*, b. Apr. 13, 1820; m. Chas. H. Paul; d. Aug. 4, 1860.—*Susan E.*, b. Aug. 8, 1822; m. Samuel Converse, of Agawam, Mass.—*Felix C.*, b. Mar. 18, 1824; d. Nov. 21, 1832.—*Theodore F.*, b. Mar. 27, 1827; m. Susan Mansur, of Morgan, Vt.—*Deborah A. F.*, b. June 3, 1829; m. Thomas B. Eldridge, of Southampton, Mass.; d. May 2, 1850.

BALLARD, ELIZABETH, m., 1790,¹ John Day (2).

BARNARD, WM. F., brother of Rev. Stephen A. Barnard, who was once pastor of the Unitarian society in Chfd., m. 1st, 1837, Elizabeth, dau. of Aija Walker (2), and who d. Apr. 4, 1849, a. 35; 2d, Laura, dau. of Peter Wheeler (2). He resided in Chfd. from about 1835 till '52, and built the house now owned and occupied by Russell H. Davis. He is said to have d. in one of the Western States. Had 3 ch.: *Sarah Fane*, *Mary Ann*, *Frederick*.

BARRETT, ZADOCK, purchased of Samuel Davis, Feb. 5, 1781, a tract of land in the extreme north-west corner of the town. This tract was a part of the "Governor's Farm," so called, and was 87 rods long and 46 rods wide, being bounded on the west by the river, and on the north by Wmd. line. His name does not appear after 1793.

BARRETT.

1. JOHN H. BARRETT, b. Nov. 8, 1789, m. Charlotte, dau. of Nathan Thomas, of Hins., and who was b. June 27, 1797. He d. in Chfd., Apr. 7, 1877, having come here in 1851.
Ch.: (All b. in Hins.) *Shubael*, b. Apr. 5, 1818; m. Lucy E. Horton. Res. in Newfane, Vt.—*Miranda*, b. Aug. 16, 1819; m., Mar. 23, 1843, Watson Wheeler (5); d. Mar. 12, 1864.—*Julia A.*, b. Oct. 5, 1821; m. 1st, Oct. 5, 1840, Ephm. H. Butler (3); 2d, Mar., 1881, Asa Sanders, of Fayetteville, Vt.—*George W.* (2), b. Nov. 9, 1823.
2. GEORGE W., son of John H. (1), m., June 19, 1850, Emily, dau. of Wheaton and Sally (Taft) Wilson, of Dum., and who was b. May 7, 1827. He settled in Chfd. in 1851. Farmer.

Ch.: *Elnorah F.*, b. July 30, 1852; m., Feb. 14, 1871, Warren H., son of Marshall Butler (2).—*Franklin G.*, b. May 19, 1854.—*Carrie L.*, b. Oct. 26, 1860.—*Walter G.*, b. Aug. 9, 1865.

BARTLETT, ZADOCK, came from Northboro', Mass., and was in Chfd. in 1780. His wife was Hannah Seaver. He probably settled on a lot in the 3d or 4th range, a little farther south than the "Joseph Atherton farm." He d. after 1826.

Ch.: *Lois*, b. Sept. 11, 1780; m., 1813, Moses Warner, of Keene; d. in Chfd.—*Joel*, b. Apr. 12, 1782; m. 1st, ———; 2d, Sophia Phillips; d. in Wardsboro, Vt.—*Femima*, b. Aug. 8, 1783; m. Cutler Blodgett (2).—*Amri*, b. Feb. 7, 1785; m. ——— Conant, and "went West."—*Baxter*, b. Sept. 28, 1786; lived in Mass.—*Lotan*, b. April 10, 1788; m., 1818, Mrs. Catherine Hemmenway. Rem. to Ohio.—*Hannah*, b. Nov. 18, 1789; d. young.—*Betsey*, b. Aug. 3, 1791; d. unm.—*Sal-ly*, b. May 14, 1793; m. ——— Moulton, in Mass., and rem. to Ohio.—*Lemira*, b. Nov. 4, 1794.—*Phila*, rem. from the town.—*William*, d. in Hatfield, Mass.

BARTLETT, ADAM, brother of Zadock, bought land in the eastern part of the town in 1779, but remained here only a few years.

BARTLETT, AMOS K., son of Nathaniel, of Marlboro, Vt., b. Apr. 18, 1803, m., 1825, Submit, dau. of James Sanderson (2), and settled in Chfd. He d. April 28, 1875.

Ch.: *James H.*, b. May 1, 1825; m. Susan H. Bragg, of Wmd. Has had the following children.: Nelson, who was accidentally killed on the Cheshire railway, Jan. 2, 1881, leaving a wife and two children; Melantha, Theodore, Marshall.—*Henry L.*, b. Feb. 1, 1830.—*Melantha S.*, b. Mar. 9, 1832; d. June 30, 1852, unm.—*Oliver N.*, b. Jan. 12, 1836.—*Eliza F.*, b. Sept. 21, 1838; m., June 27, 1861, Chas. C. Munson, of Nelson.

BATTEY, SYLVANUS, from Bellingham, Suffolk Co., Mass., purchased, May 15, 1773, lot No. 17, in the 6th range. The name disappears before 1787.

BEAL.

1. JOHN BEAL, b. June 18, 1763, came from Royalston, Mass., about 1791, and settled in the south-eastern quarter of the town. He m., May 10, 1789, Lydia, dau. of Edward Holman, of Royalston, and who was b. Oct. 29, 1763, and d. Nov. 9, 1847. He d. Aug. 26, 1829.

Ch.: *Samuel* (2), b. June 21, 1792.—*Sally*, unm; d. May 1, 1853, a. 59.—*Polly*, d. young.—*John* (3), b. Apr. 16, 1804.

2. SAMUEL, son of John (1), m., Dec. 12, 1815, Amy Gates, d. May 23, 1854, a. 59. Resided in Chfd. He d. Dec. 5, 1870.

Ch.: *Loring F.*, b. June 29, 1816; d. July 1, same year.—*Polly*, b. Mar. 14, 1818; d. July 20, 1819.—*Luther*, b. Nov. 4, 1819; m. Alfreda, dau. of John Martin, of Richmond; d. 1864 (?)—*Harvey H.*, b. Oct. 11, 1821; m. Julia, dau. of Jona. Hill, of Swzy; d. Feb. 28, 1876.—*Ferome*, b. Oct. 28, 1823; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Willard Burt, of Wmd.; accidentally killed on the Naugatuck railroad, Jan. 25, 1853.—*Thomas*, b. Aug. 29, 1825; d. Mar. 24, 1827.—*Thomas*, b. May 27, 1827; m. Harriet, dau. of Hiram Watkins, of Walpole.—*Andrew F.*, b. Aug. 6, 1829; d. July 23, 1831.—*Lucy F.*, b. Oct. 3, 1832; m., Aug. 17, 1852, Hector A. Smith, of Westport, N. Y., now of Chfd.

3. JOHN, son of John (1), m., Jan. 23, 1833, Diana, dau. of William Faulkner (1), and who d. Aug. 17, 1877. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Geo. W. Faulkner* (half-brother of the following), b. Apr. 15, 1828; m. Lizzie, dau. of Calvin Field, of Swzy.—*Fohn Allen*, b. May 16, 1833; m., Dec. 28, 1856, Marietta Allen. Farmer in Chfd. Has 2 ch.: *Curtis A.*, b. Nov. 23, 1858; *J. Etta*, b. Mar. 16, 1868.—*Lydia E.*, b. July 13, 1835; m. John Redfearn, of Fall River, Mass.; d. in 1880.—*Sarah F.*, b. June 3, 1838; m., Oct. 6, 1857, Francis Tuttle, of Wincr., now of Chfd.—*Mary R.*, b. Mar. 31, 1841; d. Mar. 7, 1857.—*Harriet S.*, b. Apr. 8, 1844; d. 26th of same month.—*Harriet A.*, b. July 10, 1846; m., Mar. 16, 1868, Webster D. Derby, of Swzy.—*Susan M.* (twin sister of Harriet A.), d. Sept. 11, 1846.

BECKLEY.

1. Rev. Hosea Beckley, b. in Berlin, Conn., Dec. 18, 1779, m., Sept. 21, 1808, Lydia Pierson, b. in Killingworth (now Clinton), Conn., June 1, 1785, and d. May 9, 1857. She was a direct descendant of Rector Pierson, the first president of Yale College. Mr. Beckley was pastor of the Congregational church in Dum. about 25 years, commencing his labors in 1808. He afterwards preached in this town, from 1836 to '42. He was the author of a history of Vermont, published at Brattleboro in 1846. He d. in Chfd., Oct. 15, 1843, but was buried in Dum.

Ch.: *Lydia Sophia*, b. Aug. 17, 1809; d. Mar. 24, 1856.—*Fanny Emily*, b. Oct. 11, 1811; d. Sept. 11, 1826.—*Fane Louisa*, b. July 14, 1815; m. 1st, Oct. 5, 1840, Nelson W., son of Mason Herrick (4); 2d, June, 1861, Alonzo C. Wood; d. Jan. 3, 1874.—*Abraham Pierson*, b. May 29, 1820; d. Oct. 25, 1845.—*David Webster* (2), b. Oct. 25, 1822.

2. DAVID WEBSTER, son of Rev. Hosea (1), m., May 9, 1849, Mary H., dau. of Bela Chase (q. v.) From 1846 to '65, he engaged in trade at Factory Village, from which place he removed to Keene, where he d. Apr. 15, 1879. Selectman 1863-'66.

Ch.: *Mary Fane*, b. Sept. 23, 1850.—*Emilie Eliza*, b. Oct. 16, 1854; m., Sept. 16, 1875, Theron Hayward.—*Stella Pierson*, b. Apr. 16, 1858; d. Sept. 26, the same year.—*William Pierson*, b. Dec. 7, 1865.

BENNETT, WILLIAM, son of Wm. and Rhoda (Howe) Bennett, of Wmd., b. Sept. 1, 1817, m., Aug. 18, 1841, Caroline W., dau. of Ezra Fisk (3), and settled in Chfd. the same year, on the farm on which Aaron Fisk settled. He still res. in this town, pretty extensively engaged in farming. Justice of the peace.

Ch.: *Angeline M.*, b. Mar. 15, 1846; m., Jan. 19, 1871, David H., son of Daniel Pierce (q. v.)

BENNETT, SILAS, 1776-'92.

BINGHAM.

1. NATHANIEL BINGHAM was in Chfd. in 1767, which year he purchased of Josiah Willard the "ninth and tenth fifty-acre lots

[house-lots], in the tenth range." Whence he came, is not known. He was styled a "cooper" in his deed. He lived on what is now known as "Wetherbee Hill," a short distance north of the Centre Village. (For the account of his arrest, and imprisonment in the jail at Charlestown, see Chap. III.) His wife was Joanna ———, d. Aug. 11, 1810, in her 80th year. He was selectman 1770, '75, '77; representative '79. He d. Apr. 26, 1802, in his 77th year.

Ch.: (So far as known) *Theodorus*, m. 1st, Lydia ———; 2d, 1801, Mrs. Sally Baker. Had a son, Simeon, b. Sept. 26, 1776, and m. (probably), 1801, Tamer Fuller. Soldier 1777. His name disappears about 1804.—*Gustavus*, m., 1783, Hannah Fisher, and had only one ch., Polly, b. Feb. 9, 1784, and m., 1805, Joseph Fisk (2). Soldier 1776. He d. in Chfd.—*Chester* (2).—*Elisha* (3).—*Simeon*, d. 1773, young.

2. CHESTER, son of Nathaniel (1), m. Deborah ———. He d. in Chfd., Mar. 26, 1812, in his 51st year.

Ch.: (So far as known) *Orpha*, b. Aug. 17, 1787; m. (probably), 1810, John Cunningham, of Windsor, Vt.—*Chester*, b. Dec. 12, 1789.—*Fohn*, b. Nov. 29, 1792.—*Roswell*, b. Aug. 6, 1796.

3. ELISHA, son of Nathaniel (1), m. ———. He enlisted in the American army sometime during the Revolution, was discharged, and died on his way home. He had, at least, one son, *Elisha* (4), b. after the death of his father.
4. ELISHA, son of Elisha (3), m., 1798, Betsey, dau. of Edward Hildreth (5), and who d. Mar. 1, 1833. Resided in Chfd. He d. Aug. 4, 1852.

Ch.: *Elisha*, b. Jan. 10, 1799; d. many years ago.—*Betsey*, unm.; res. in Brat.—*Marshall*, res. in Guilderland, N. Y.—*Jonathan*, res. in Brat.—*Elihu* (5), b. Oct. 26, 1807.—*Warren* (6), b. Dec. 3, 1815.—*Willard*, b. July 17, 1821; m. 1st, Oct. 22, 1846, Jane Vanaernam; 2d, Mar. 4, 1873, E. Frances Stanlake. Res. in Cohoes, N. Y.

5. ELIHU, son of Elisha (4), m., 1833, Prusha, dau. of Nathan Randall (4). He d. in Monticello, Iowa, Feb. 7, 1875.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Laura A.*, b. July 3, 1834; m., July 7, 1861, Wm. Parrott. Res. in Monticello, Ia.—*Ellen*

- E.*, b. Sept. 6, 1837; m., Apr. 23, 1853, Freeman Knowlton. Res. in Boston.—*George M.*, b. Aug. 10, 1839; m., Oct. 30, 1865, Martha E. Chamberlain. Res. at West Somerville, Mass.—*Emma F.*, b. Aug. 3, 1841; d. Apr. 26, 1853.—*Camilla M.*, b. Sept. 11, 1843; m., Dec. 7, 1860, Wm. S. Johnson, who was a soldier in the Union army, and d. Aug. 15, 1863. Res. in Monticello.—*William F.*, b. Oct. 2, 1854; m., Apr. 3, 1878, Maria G. Gill. Res. in Monticello.
6. WARREN, son of Elisha (4), m. 1st, Apr. 6, 1841, Henrietta Florida, of Dum., b. June 9, 1814, and d. in Chfd., Jan. 16, 1863; 2d, Jan. 27, 1864, Mrs. Almira E. Pierce, of Langdon. Representative 1870. For several years he has resided in Keene.
- Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Charles W.*, b. Sept. 28, 1847; m., Dec. 17, 1879, Lucinda H. Moody, of Bethel, Vt.—*Anna M.*, b. Aug. 16, 1851.
- BINGHAM, LUCY, m., 1778, Jonathan, son of Jonathan Hildreth (2).
- BINGHAM, JUDITH, m., 1780, Levi Farwell (q. v.)
- BINGHAM, SEPTIMIUS, m., 1785, Elizabeth Fisher.
- BINGHAM, JOHN, m., 1790, Sarah Robertson; d. (probably) Jan. 11, 1794, in his 25th year.
- BINGHAM, OLIVER, m., 1802, Prusha, dau. of Eleazer Randall (2), and appears to have rem. from the town about the same time. He may have settled in Wisconsin.
- BISHOP, JOHN, purchased in Chfd., in 1768, lot No. 12, in the 12th range. His wife was Experience, dau. of Abner Harris (1). Soldier 1776. His name disappears about 1807. Four ch. were recorded: *Olive*, b. Sept. 23, 1764; m., 1785, Philip Barrett, of Hins.—*Molly*, b. June 14, 1768.—*Esther*, b. Apr. 14, 1770.—*John*, b. July 13, 1772.
- BISHOP, NATHAN, was in Chfd. in 1770. In 1771, he purchased one-half of house-lot No. 13, in the 12th range. His wife was Rebecca ———. He d. in the army, in 1777. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Rachel*, b. Jan. 3, 1773.—*Charles M.*, b. June 6, 1775; d. 1777.
- BISHOP, SALLY, m., 1803, Silas Wheeler.

BLACK.

1. JOHN BLACK, b. in Ireland, Jan. 29, 1730, came to America in Oct., 1740. Nov. 27, 1760, he m. Isabella Moore, b. in Rutland, Mass., Mar. 4, 1741, and d. June 19, 1796. He settled in Barre, Mass., and d. July 6, 1786.

Ch.: *William* (2), b. Dec. 6, 1761.—*Margaret*, b. June 2, 1763; d. Sept. 16, 1767.

2. WILLIAM, son of John (1), m. Catherine, dau. of Michael Boyden, and who was b. Aug. 3, 1766, and d. in Keene, May 22, 1857. He settled in Chfd. in Mar., 1799, and d. July 26, 1842.

Ch.: *Sarah*, b. June 1, 1785; m. Zadock Taft, of Wincr.; d. in Richmond, Apr. 12, 1867.—*John*, b. Feb. 4, 1787; d. Apr. 26, 1876, unm.—*Nancy*, b. July 23, 1789; d. Aug. 2, 1813, unm.—*Eli*, b. Mar. 6, 1792; m. Abigail Colburn; d. Aug. 5, 1878. A son, Sumner, m. Rebecca, dau. of Reuben Willard (5); another, Willard C., res. in N. Y. City.—*Rossa*, b. May 10, 1794; d. Aug. 24, 1795.—*William*, b. Apr. 22, 1796; m. Sally, dau. of Stephen Randall, of Wincr., where he d. Mar. 7, 1850. Had 3 ch.: Nancy A., m. John McFarland, and res. in Greenfield, Mass.; Lyman R., m. Lydia Remington, of Springfield, Mass.; Loren, res. in Springfield.—*Sumner*, b. Feb. 21, 1798; m., 1836, Mary, dau. of Binea Norcross (3); d. in Keene, June 5, 1873. Had 2 ch.: Horatio S. and Sarah C.—*Horatio*, b. Apr. 22, 1800; d. in infancy.—*Horatio*, b. June 12, 1802; m. Charlotte Eaton. Res. in Ulster, Penn.—*Rossa*, b. Aug. 7, 1804; m. David Hutchins, of Keene; d. Dec. 27, 1877.—*Almira*, b. Nov. 26, 1807; m., Oct. 18, 1836, Daniel Pierce (q. v.).—*Silas*, b. Apr. 28, 1810; m. Almira Lovejoy, of Nelson; d. in Sullivan, June 30, 1852. Had 2 ch.: Silas L., d. in the army; Lydia, m. Orange W. Harris, of Winchendon, Mass.

BLODGETT.

1. AMOS BLODGETT appears to have settled in the eastern part of Chfd. between 1776 and '81. He is said to have come from some town in Western Mass. It is highly probable that he was married twice, at least; but the name of his first wife has not been ascertained. The second one (the one who appears

to have come to Chfd. with him) was Ruth ———, who, after his death, m. William Banks. She d. Dec. 18, 1819, in her 73d year. Amos d. in 1787 or '88. In his will, made Sept. 5, 1787, he mentioned the following children.: *Amos*, *James*, *Robert*, *Rebecca* (Pierce), *Betty* (Eames), *Sally*, *Nanny* (Hunt). Robert m. Keziah ———, and had a son, Amos, b. Jan. 17, 1791. He probably rem. from the town soon after the birth of his son. On the assumption that Amos, Sen., was twice married, the ch. named in the will appear to have been those by the first marriage; and the ch. by the second marriage were as follows: *Silas*, settled in Grafton, Vt.; *Ruel*, settled in the same town; *Nathaniel*, settled in Templeton, Mass.; *Cutler* (2); *Benjamin* (3); *Ruth*, m. Andrew Henderson, and rem. to Canada, where she d.; *Rhoda*, who, after her sister's death, m., 1830, Andrew Henderson, then of Stanstead, L. C.

The oldest of Amos, Sen's, supposed grandchildren do not remember their grandfather's name, but assert that their grandmother, Ruth Blodgett, married William Banks for her second husband. Now, information in the writer's possession leaves no room for doubt that Ruth Blodgett was the widow of Amos, Sen. With regard to the ch. named in the will, a son of Cutler Blodgett, aged 78, remembers the name of only one—Robert. The others appear to have rem. from the town at an early period.

2. CUTLER, probably son of Amos (1), m. Jemima, dau. of Zaddock Bartlett (q. v.) He d. in Chfd., in 1825 or '26. His wid. m., 1835, John Knight, of Fitzwilliam.

Ch.: *Ora* (4), b. Jan. 24, 1803.—*Amos*, m. Thankful Baldwin, of Templeton, Mass., where he d.—*Elmira*, m., 1831, Stetson, son of Abel Eaton (1).—*Mary B.*, m., 1834, Orison, son of Benj. Chamberlain (3).—*Eliza*, m., 1837, Samuel Bragg.—*Betsey*, m. Wm. Goddard, of Richmond.

4. ORA, son of Cutler (2), m. 1st, Almira, dau. of Solomon Pomeroy (q. v.); 2d, Abigail, dau. of Ezra Streeter (2); 3d, May 4, 1871, Diana (Scott), dau. of George Pierce (1). Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: (All by first marriage) *Ellen Maria*, m. Frank Jarvis, of Wmd.—*Clarissa Jane*, m. Nathan C. Forbush, of Peterboro'.

3. BENJAMIN, probably son of Amos (1), m., 1807, Jerusha, dau. of Abner Albee (2), and who d. July 25, 1853. Resided in Chfd. He d. Feb. 18, 1856, a. 76.

Ch.: *Abner A.*, b. Nov. 21, 1809; d. Mar. 13, 1832.—*Ahaz H.*, b. Jan. 23, 1812; m., Jan. 20, 1845, Cynthia Brown. Res. in Hinsdale, Dupage Co., Ill.—*Andrew H.*, b. June 30, 1814; m. Mary Wheeler. He d. in Keene, where he was residing.—*Willard*, b. Oct. 1, 1816; m. Wid. Margaret (Tree) Rhem. Res. in Concord, Ill.—*Silas*, b. July 12, 1819; unm. He d. in Cal., Feb. 5, 1880.—*Benjamin F.*, b. July 17, 1821; m. Mary A. Cooledge. Res. in Leominster, Mass.—*Ferusha E.*, b. Aug. 15, 1823; m. Milton Wallace. Resided many years in Cal.—*Sarah C.*, b. Dec. 13, 1829; d. Nov. 2, 1851, unm.

BLODGETT, SALMON, d. in Chfd., Nov. 22, 1837, a. 42.

BOYDEN, ELI, 1794—1839.

BOWKER, ANTIPAS, was in Chfd. in 1779. Wife's name unknown. He appears to have had a son, *Antipas*. The name disappears about 1800. It is somewhat uncertain whether the following were the ch. of Antipas, Sen., or Antipas, Jun.: *Fosiah*, d. 1782, young; *Hazdiah*, d. 1784, young.

BOWKER, SUFFINA, m., 1788, Samuel Farr.

BOWKER, ANNA, m., 1796, Joel, son of Samuel Hildreth (3).

BRAINARD, LEONARD, m. Mindwel ———, and had, at least, one son, *Chesselton P.*, b. Oct. 20, 1814.

BRALEY, JOHN, was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Molly ———. Surveyor. Selectman 1792. His name is not found after 1795.

Ch.: *Asa*, b. Sept. 27, 1780.—*Femima*, b. Nov. 15, 1781.—*John*, b. Aug. 27, 1783.—*Wing*, b. Apr. 30, 1785.—*Silas*, b. Oct. 7, 1786.—*Molly*, b. June 30, 1788.—*George*, b. Jan. 5, 1790.—*Hannah*, b. Apr. 11, 1791.—*Foseph*, b. Mar. 10, 1793.—*Lydia*, b. Feb. 25, 1794.

BRETT, SETH, probably of Wincr. in 1776, was in Chfd. in 1787. His wife was Susanna ———. His name disappears about 1800. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Seth*, b. Feb. 25, 1784; *Silva*, b. Aug. 16, 1788. He may have had sons *Alpheus* and *Nathan*, both older than Seth, Jun.

BRIGHAM.

1. OLIVER BRIGHAM, said to have been the son of Sherah Brigham, came from Petersham, Mass., and settled in Chfd., between 1776 and '81. He had, at least, the following ch.:

Jotham (2), b. Nov. 17, 1760.—*Sally*, m., 1788, William Colburn (3).—*Rhoda*, m. ——— Goodnow.—*Lucy*, m. ——— Hildreth.

2. JOTHAM, son of Oliver (1), m. Mercy, dau. of Jonathan Farr (1), *Second*, and who d. Dec. 16, 1839. He settled high up on the north-eastern slope of Wantastiquet, his house commanding a fine view of the Connecticut valley to the north. He d. Oct. 4, 1848.

Ch.: *Louisa*, b. Apr. 9, 1788; m., 1808, Charles Stoddard (5); d. Mar. 30, 1877.—*Mary*, b. Mar. 25, 1792; m., 1816, Zimri Herrick (6).—Betsey, b. May 23, 1794; unm.; d. Mar. 10, 1865.—*Persis*, b. July 17, 1798; unm.—*Sarah*, b. Aug. 7, 1800; unm.

BRITTON, ASA, settled in Chfd. in 1790 or '91. The following sketch is from the pen of his granddaughter, Miss Eliza G. Keyes, of Brattleboro:

"The subject of this sketch was the eleventh child, and sixth son, of Ebenezer and Sarah (Bullock) Britton, of Raynham, Mass. He was born in Raynham, April 30, 1763, and, with his father's family, moved to Westmoreland, N. H., in the month of July, 1771, when he was eight years of age. Of his early life we know little, except that he was in the employ of Capt. Léonard Keep, a prominent citizen, and proprietor of a hotel, in Westmoreland, and that, about 1788, he married Sally, daughter of Capt. Leonard and Ruth (Stone) Keep, both formerly of Westford, Mass. They began house-keeping in Westmoreland, but some two years afterward, were living in Lansingburg, N. Y., where their eldest child, Ebenezer, died. Later, they returned to New Hampshire, and settled on a farm in Chesterfield, on the shore of the beautiful lake, now so much frequented. This farm was long in the possession of the family, and many of the most interesting reminiscences of early days, with which the descendants were regaled, were connected with

that romantic locality. Mr. Britton removed to Chesterfield village about the year 1805, where for many years he was an active, energetic business man, merchant, sheriff, farmer, postmaster, and justice of the peace. His business career was a successful one, and he acquired what in the country, in those early days, was considered a large property, which he enjoyed, and bestowed freely upon others, until past middle age. Soon after the year 1815, he met with business reverses, caused by the absconding of two successive partners. Old Mrs. Britton, in after days, used to tell with much gusto a story connected with this fact. Mr. Britton, or "Esq. Britton," as he was called, was a tall, large man, weighing, perhaps, 200 pounds, and his success, of course, made him enemies as well as friends. On the occasion of the decamping of the second of his partners, while the village was ringing with the news of the gutted store and money box, a party of gamins, instigated by the enemy, set the church bell also ringing, and above the noise and confusion of the crowd, which the sound of the bell at that unusual hour had collected, was heard the cry, ever louder and louder, 'Great Britton has fallen! Great Britton has fallen!'

Mr. Britton had a natural taste for reading, which was his recreation to the close of his life, and a refined and sensitive temperament,—both of which made him an interesting companion to people of education and culture. Some now living remember the roomy, old-fashioned, gabled-roofed house, a relic of revolutionary days, years ago removed, which was his home until some time after the marriage of his youngest daughter, and which was the resort alike of the preceptors and pupils of old Chesterfield Academy. His home was also the home of various of the children of his deceased brothers and sisters. Among them was Hosea Snow, later Judge Snow, one of the first settlers of the city of Quincy, Ill., an enterprising, educated and Christian man.

Asa Britton died in Chesterfield, June 30, 1849. Mrs. Britton survived him, and passed the last years of her life at the house of her daughter, in Brattleboro, Vt., where she died, Oct. 19, 1859. Both were buried in Westmoreland."

Ch.: (Only three lived to adult age.) *Sarah*, b. June 28, 1791; m., Jan. 7, 1815, Hon. Asa Keyes, lately deceased (see p. 133); d. Oct. 29, 1859.—*Laura*, b. 1798; m., 1829, Josiah W. Fairfield, of Hudson, N. Y. (see p. 134); d. Feb. 21, 1864.—*George*, b. 1804; unm. He studied law, and may have been admitted to the bar. He rem. to Galena, Ill., where he died about 1831.

BRITTON, LYMAN, son of Joshua Britton, of Wmd., b. May 2, 1806, m., 1st, 1835, Amanda, dau. of John Pierce (3), and who d. Dec. 21, 1836; 2d, Charlotte Chellis, of Charlestown

(N. H.) He d. in Springfield, Vt. Had by first marriage one dau., *Calphernia A.*, b. Apr. 6, 1836; m., Feb. 10, 1880, Samuel P., son of Pardon Field (3).

BRITTON, JOHN LANGDON, son of Joshua Britton, of Wmd., b. Dec. 11, 1804, resided in Chfd. many years, but d. in Brat.; unm.

BRITTON, BRADFORD, son of James Britton, b. May 24, 1807, m., 1842, Elmira E. Hildreth. Res. at present in Hins.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd. but the last two.) *George B.*, b. Aug. 14, 1844; *Noyes E.*, b. June 11, 1847, and d. 1848; *Priscilla*, b. Dec. 20, 1850; *Fred*, b. Oct. 16, 1852; *Stella*, b. Mar. 15, 1856; *Josiah*, b. July 4, 1858; *Anna*, b. Dec. 2, 1863; *Nellie*, b. July 5, 1869.

BROOKS.

Thomas Brooks came from England, and settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1631. Made freeman in 1636. He afterwards settled in Concord, Mass., where he owned large estates. His wife was Grace ———, d. May 12, 1664. He d. May 21, 1667. One of his sons, Caleb, b. 1632, m. 1st, Susannah, dau. of Thomas Atkinson; 2d, Hannah, sister of his first wife, and who d. Mar. 10, 1702, a. about 70. In 1679, Caleb rem. from Concord to Medford. One of his sons, by his second wife, was Samuel, b. Sept. 1, 1672, and m. Sarah, dau. of Dr. Thomas Boylston, of Brookline, Mass., and who d. Oct. 16, 1736, a. 56. Samuel resided in Medford. He d. July 3, 1733. His son Samuel, Jr., b. Sept. 3, 1700, m. Mary Boutwell, of Reading, Mass., d. May 25, 1772, a. 74. Samuel, Jr., also settled in Medford, and d. July 5, 1768. One of his sons was Thomas, b. Jan. 6, 1732. Thomas m. 1st, 1755, Anna Hall, d. Aug. 28, 1757; 2d, 1762, Mercy Tufts, d. Aug. 26, 1813, a. 71. He d. Mar. 7, 1799. He had 15 children—one by the first wife and 14 by the second—one of whom was William S. (1), b. Mar. 5, 1781.

1. Capt. WILLIAM S. BROOKS, b. in Medford, Mass., Mar. 5, 1781, went on a voyage at sea with his uncle at the age of nine years. He was in France during the French Revolution, and also at the time Napoleon the First was at the height of his power. Once, when in the Cove of Cork, he was pressed into the English navy, and served 6 months in the royal frigate "Diamond." At another time, while cruising in the English Channel, he was captured twice in one day—first by the English and then by the French. By the latter he was retained in prison 6 months, a part of which time was occupied in making sails for



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French ships. On his return from France, President John Adams appointed him a lieutenant in the navy, which office he declined. He was engaged for some time in commerce, as commander of a merchant-vessel, at a period when the American flag did not always command of foreign nations the respect that it now does, and many were the adventures and "hair-breadth 'scapes" that he used to relate in the later years of his life.

On retiring from the sea, he settled at Cambridge, Mass., where he was postmaster four years. In Aug., 1821, he came to Chesterfield, and engaged in the manufacture of cotton goods, at Factory Village, in which business he continued till 1850. In 1839, however, he removed to Brattleboro, but still retained his connection with the factory. He married, June 20, 1807, Eleanor Forman, of Middletown, N. J., d. in 1841. He d. in Apr., 1865. Seven children survived them, viz: *William F.*, b. Aug. 29, 1811; m. Harriet B. Whiting, of New York.—*Horace*, b. Feb., 1815; m. Mary Emerson, of Portland, Me.—*Ellen M.*, b. June 13, 1817; unm.—*George F.* (2), b. Aug. 28, 1818; unm.—*Francis W.*, b. May 14, 1821; m. Matilda C. Smith, of New York. Res. in Brat.—*Mary E.*, b. 1824; m. Frank Goodhue, of Brat.—*Lucy T.*, b. 1827; m. N. F. Cabot, of Hartland, Vt. [A son, *James*, was drowned in Spafford's Lake in 1827, a. 7 years.]

2. GEORGE J., son of Capt. William S. (1), came to Chesterfield with his father at the age of three years. Having attended the common school at Factory Village for the usual period, his education was continued at Chesterfield Academy, Walpole Academy, and the well-known school of J. W. Fairfield, at Hudson, N. Y. After leaving school, he was employed several years as a clerk in the store of G. C. Hall, and of Hall & Townsley, in Brattleboro'. In 1838, he went to Hillsboro, Ill., and engaged in practical farming about ten years. In Feb., 1850, soon after the breaking out of the California "gold fever," he embarked for San Francisco, where, together with his brothers, he established the "Wholesale Paper Warehouse of George J. Brooks & Co." The firm entered at once on a prosperous business career, and, until it was dissolved, in 1865,

maintained its position as the leading house, in its line of business, on the Pacific coast. At the same time, it had a wide reputation for reliability and strict business integrity. In 1865, after fifteen years of active service in managing the extensive business of the firm, as its senior member, he retired with an ample fortune, and has since, excepting a year spent in Europe, divided his time between Brattleboro and San Francisco,—the former being his legal residence. His public spirit, and strong attachment to the friends of his youth, have been shown, among other ways, by the building and furnishing of the "Brooks House," at Brattleboro', in 1871-72, at a cost of about \$150,000. This hotel has become well known as one of the finest in New England. His gifts to the Unitarian churches, both in Brattleboro' and San Francisco, have been large and frequent, and his judicious liberality has given encouragement and support to many other worthy enterprises. His lively interest in the home and friends of his childhood, is manifested by his frequent visits to Chesterfield during the summer months, as well as in other ways.

BROOKS, SAMUEL H., 1799-1805. A son, *Samuel H.*, d. in 1803, young.

BROWN.

1. PHINEAS BROWN came from Harvard, Mass., and settled in Chfd., probably about 1770, with his sons *Oliver* (2) and *John* (3). He was one of the carpenters who built the "old meeting-house." He d. probably about 1790. Wife's name unknown.
2. OLIVER, son of Phineas (1), m. Mary Scott, d. Apr. 7, 1836, a. 75. He settled in Chfd., on the farm afterwards owned and occupied by Willard H. Alexander, now by Geo. W. Barrett. He was at one time a soldier in the American army, in the War of the Revolution. Selectman 1798, '99, 1811-14. He d. July 30, 1844, a. 88. Had no ch.
3. JOHN, son of Phineas (1), m. ———. He appears to have d. about 1792.

Ch. : *Sarah*, m. Dr. Noah Pratt, of Wincr.—*Louisa*, m. Col. Evi Prime, of Wincr.



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BROWN, ELIAS, probably from Wmd., b. 1800, m., 1824, Morilla, dau. of Presson Farwell (3), and who d. Oct. 1, 1871. He settled at Factory Village. Was a well-known auctioneer. He d. Nov. 5, 1871.

Ch.: *Lucy A.*, m., 1848, Willard R. Gline, of Wmd.—*Elvira M.*, m. John Griffith, of Keene; d. —.—*Hannah E.*, m., Jan. 1, 1849, Geo. L. Hamilton (3).—*Mary Ann*, m., July 28, 1846, Jonathan F. Wheeler (7).—*Elias B.*, m. Fannie Sawyer, of Keene; d. Sept. 24, 1860, a. 28. Had no ch.—*Philania M.*, d. Mar. 22, 1871, in her 34th y.; unm.

BROWN.

1. AARON C. BROWN, son of Eben Brown, of Brookline, Mass. (?), settled in Chfd. probably about 1830. He m. Lucy, dau. of Amos Crouch (3), and who d. in 1867. He d. Sept. 22, 1836, a. 29.

Ch.: *Lydia S.*, b. Sept. 15, 1830; m. Elisha T. Taylor.—*Albert C.*, b. Oct. 21, 1831; d. Feb. 8, 1858.—*Amos Eben* (2), b. Nov. 22, 1833.—*Eliza*, b. Apr. 16, 1835; m. 1st, Nov. 29, 1864, John McClenning (q. v.); 2d, Mar. 12, 1879, Squire Amidon (5).

2. AMOS E., son of Aaron C. (1), m., Sept. 21, 1858, Elmira D., dau. of Caleb Hill, of Wincr., and who was b. Apr. 23, 1835. Farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Emogene E.*, b. Nov. 3, 1859; m., Feb. 19, 1879, Chester M., son of John McClenning (q. v.)—*Susan M.*, b. May 13, 1861; m., Nov. 24, 1880, Edson I. Leach; d. in Chfd., May 5, 1881.—*Charles G.*, b. Jan. 27, 1864; d. Oct. 6, 1865.—*Fennie E.*, b. Apr. 9, 1870; d. Feb. 7, 1875.

BUCK, ELIJAH, was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Lois ———. His name disappears about 1800. Four ch. were recorded: *Elijah*, b. May 27, 1781; *Sally*, b. Jan. 26, 1784; *Sanford*, b. Jan. 18, 1786; *Lois*, b. Aug. 1, 1788.

BURNHAM, SAMUEL, was in Chfd. in 1786, which year (June 15) a dau., *Lucy*, was born to him. The mother's name was Sally Fletcher.

BURT.

The emigrant ancestor of the Burts of Chfd. is said to have come from England, and to have settled at Taunton, Mass. His name is not known, but

his son Thomas m. 1st, ——— Phillips, and 2d, ——— Extile, by the latter of whom he had a son, Henry, b. Jan. 24, 1737. Henry m. Sarah Hoskins and had 8 ch., the oldest of whom was Samuel (1).

1. SAMUEL BURT, son of Henry, b. Nov. 20, 1760, m. Olive Lincoln, and settled, in 1787, in the south-east part of Wmd., near the Chfd. line. His wife d. July 26, 1843, a. nearly 82. He d. Nov. 3, 1850.

Ch.: *Naomi*, b. July 16, 1787; m. Preston Thayer. Resided in Passumpsic, Vt.—*Samuel* (2), b. Nov. 5, 1790.—*Willard*, b. June 29, 1794; m. Nov. 10, 1818, Martha Wood, of Wmd.—*Betsey*, b. May 3, 1803.

2. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (1), m., Dec. 25, 1818, Betsey Penniman, of Mendon, Mass., d. July 30, 1853, a. 55. Settled in Chfd. For many years he kept the tavern at Factory Village, and was postmaster at that village for about 15 years. Selectman 1844, '48. He d. Mar. 21, 1868.

Ch.: *Eliza L.*, b. May 7, 1819; m., June 1, 1842, Milo, son of Nathaniel Walton (5); d. at Amity, Me., Dec. 2, 1871.—*Christiana*, b. Oct. 5, 1820; m. 1st, Apr. 12, 1847, Wm. F. Barnes, of Swzy., d. in Newton, Wis., May 31, 1859; 2d, Frank Wicks, of the latter town.—*Samuel G.* (3), b. Sept. 15, 1822.—*Daniel E.* (4), b. June 5, 1825.—*Fane A.*, b. Apr. 2, 1831; d. Sept. 14, 1853, unm.—*Ellen S.*, b. Mar. 16, 1834; m., July 10, 1854, George Corbet, b. at Gays River, Nova Scotia, Sept. 15, 1828, and d. in Chfd., May 3, 1872. Has 2 sons: Clarence E., b. in Chfd., July 30, 1859; George B., b. in Chfd., Dec. 20, 1860.—*Augusta M.*, b. July 30, 1835; d. Aug. 10, 1853.—*Martha Ann*, b. Nov. 17, 1837; m., Apr. 2, 1860, Henry Barker, of Wmd.—*Melissa J.*, b. Feb. 28, 1844.

3. SAMUEL G., son of Samuel (2), m., Dec. 6, 1852, Sarah Haskell, of Amity, Me., d. at Hartford, Conn., Oct. 30, 1858. He d. July 2, 1858.

Ch.: *Kate*, b. Feb. 19, 1856; d. June 19, 1858.—*George H.*, b. June 10, 1857.

4. DANIEL E., son of Samuel (2), m., 1848, Thirza C., dau. of Noyes Scott (4). Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Cora A.*, b. Sept. 5, 1854; d. June 8, 1855.—*Ida West*, b. Apr. 19, 1858; m., Jan. 13, 1877, Charles Butterfield, of Wmd.

BUTLER.

1. JOHN BUTLER, son of Josiah and Thankful (Alexander) Butler, of Hins., was born Feb. 5, 1786. Josiah was a nephew of Col. Josiah Willard, the principal grantee of Chfd. Thankful d. Mar. 25, 1849. John m. 1st, 1810, Gratia, dau. of Ephm. Hubbard (2); 2d, Jan. 30, 1856, Lydia (Crowninshield) Butler, wid. of Henry Butler, and who was b. in Hins., Jan. 21, 1811. In 1824 or '25, he settled in Chfd., and is now (July, 1881) the oldest male inhabitant of the town.

Ch.: *Marshall* (2), b. May 9, 1811.—*Warren*, b. Aug. 15, 1812; d. Aug. 19, 1831.—*Josiah*, b. Jan. 4, 1815; m. Sophia W., dau. of Jacob P. Hubbard (9).—*Ephraim H.* (3), b. Jan. 4, 1815.—*Erastus*, b. May 12, 1816; m. Hannah Rugg. Res. in Hins.—*Maria*, b. Apr. 14, 1817; m. Samuel Thomas, of Hins.—*Roswell*, b. Aug. 15, 1822; m., Jan. 5, 1871, Mrs. Mary Kenney, of Brat. Res. in Chfd. Has no ch.—*Otis* (4), b. June 3, 1826.

2. MARSHALL, son of John (1), m., 1836, Luthera B., dau. of Jacob P. Hubbard (9), and settled in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Nov. 18, 1855.

Ch.: *Lucius M.*, b. Apr. 9, 1838; m. Esther Abbott. Res. in Sullivan.—*Ann S.*, b. Jan. 11, 1842; m., Oct. 24, 1861, Frederick L., son of Lauson Stone (6).—*Helen P.*, b. Mar. 24, 1845; m. George Howe, of Hins.—*Warren H.*, b. Oct. 6, 1847; m., Feb. 14, 1871, Elnorah F., dau. of Geo. W. Barrett (2). Farmer in Chfd. Has one ch., Gladys L., b. July 23, 1880.

3. EPHRAIM H., son of John (1), m., Oct. 5, 1840, Julia Ann, dau. of John H. Barrett (1). Stone-mason and farmer. He d. in Chfd., Nov. 1, 1876.

Ch.: *John H.*, b. Mar. 6, 1843; m., Dec. 11, 1870, Sarah E., dau. of Nathaniel and Mary (Converse) Webb. Farmer and stone-mason in Chfd. Has 2 ch.: Hattie A., b. Jan. 25, 1873; Lawrence, b. Nov. 27, 1875.—*Laura M.*, b. Mar. 10, 1845; m., June 16, 1870, Andrew A. Byard, of Peru, Vt., now of Chfd.—*Emma C.*, b. Jan. 8, 1847; m., Oct. 26, 1868, Edward J. Atwood, of Warwick, Mass.—*Addie H.*, b. Mar.

- 3, 1849; m., Apr., 1879, Lucius F., son of George Spaulding (3); d. Jan. 23, 1880.—*Maria F.*, b. Mar. 17, 1851; m., June 6, 1872, Edward R., son of Hosea L. Stoddard (11).—*Oliver F.*, b. Mar. 27, 1853; m., June, 1877, Elizabeth Cushing, of Warwick, Mass. Farmer in Chfd.—*Gratia A.*, b. Nov. 1, 1855; m., Oct. 3, 1876, Geo. P. Marsh, of Boston.—*Eva L.* b. Apr. 27, 1857; m., June 1, 1880, Ephraim Osgood.—*George W.*, b. Aug. 4, 1862.
4. OTIS, son of John (1), m., Jan. 20, 1849, Anna, dau. of John and Olive Pushaw, of Hins., and who was b. May 6, 1833. Farmer. Res. in Chfd.
- Ch.: *Thomas F.*, b. Aug. 1, 1850; m., Mar. 30, 1875, Barancia L. Wetherbee, b. Jan. 1, 1848. Res. in Chfd. Has one ch. living, Sidney L., b. Feb. 28, 1881.—*Mervin H.*, b. Nov. 16, 1852.—*Walter M.*, b. Feb. 1, 1859.

BUTTRICK, LEVI, 1796—between 1807 and '12. His wife was Rebecca ———. One ch was recorded. *Polly*, b. May 22, 1796.

BUXTON, JOHN, son of Jonathan, b. in Londonderry, Vt., Nov. 12, 1809, m., 1838, *Polly*, dau. of Bethuel Field (1), and settled in Chfd.

Ch.: *Ira P.*, b. Jan. 26, 1839; m., Dec. 22, 1867, Mrs. Eliza H. Buzzell. Manufacturer of pail-staves, &c., in Chfd.—*Fannie Josephine*, b. June 22, 1842; m., May 6, 1872, Merrick E. Chandler, of Taunton, Mass., now of Chfd.—*Fane*, b. Feb. 28, 1844; d. Oct. 4, 1852.—*Ona*, b. Mar. 9, 1846; m., Dec. 24, 1874, Mary E. Ingell, of Taunton.—*Maria*, b. Oct. 1, 1848.—*George F.*, b. June 4, 1859; d. Dec. 24, 1860.

CADY, JAMES, m. Patience ———. Had a son, *Noah*, b. Aug. 20, 1766.

CAMPBELL.

Archibald Campbell, a native of Scotland, came to America, and settled in Oxford, Mass., apparently about the middle of the last century. Two of his sons were Alexander, who settled in Rockingham, Vt., and Edward R., b. about 1758. Edward R. was a physician. He m. Anna, dau. of John Norton, of Westminster, Vt., who was also a native of Scotland. He d. Oct.,

1830. His ch., all of whom were born in Westminster, were as follows: Edward R., m. Clarissa Chamberlain, of Newfane, Vt., and was the father of Dr. Daniel Campbell, of Saxton's River, Vt.; Sophia, m. James Houghton, of Westminster; Eunice S., m. Epa Cone, of Putney, Vt.; John N., m. Fanny Brewster, of Wmd.; Frazier F., m. Lydia Thayer, of Dum.; Anna Matilda, m. Grant Ranney, of Westminster; Sidney S. (1), b. Mar. 3, 1810; George, d. in infancy.

I. SIDNEY S. CAMPBELL, son of Edward R. Campbell, Sen., of Westminster, Vt., m., Sept. 18, 1834, Clarissa, dau. of William and Clarissa (Wate)* Daggett, of Wmd., and who was b. Mar. 6, 1815. He has resided in Chfd. since 1830, having been engaged, most of the time, in the manufacture of wheel-heads, at Factory Village.

Ch.: *Mary E.*, b. Aug. 28, 1836; m., Nov. 9, 1869, Jason R., son of James Holman (2); d. Mar. 17, 1871. She was a fine scholar, a successful and much respected teacher.—*Charles S.*, b. Oct. 14, 1839. Mechanic in Chfd.—*Clara Anna*, b. May 25, 1846; m., Feb. 13, 1868, Joel H. Clark, of Westminster, Vt.

CAMPBELL, DUNCAN, appears to have resided in Chfd. but a few years. The name is not found after 1788.

CAREY, THOMAS G., settled in Chfd. between 1807 and '12. Appears to have rem. from the town about 1833. Had a son, *Zenas*, d. Nov. 3, 1832, in his 23d year.

CARLTON, Capt. KIMBALL, probably came to Chfd. between 1770 and '76. He is said to have lived east of the Centre Village, near the place where the school-house in district No. 12 now stands. His wife's name is not known, and no ch. were recorded. He had a sister, Hannah, who m. Daniel Waldo (1). He commanded the company that marched from this town July 22, 1777, and was engaged in the battle of Bennington. (*See Chap. IV.*) Selectman 1778. He probably rem. from the town before 1787.

CARPENTER, Dr. HARVEY, son of Dr. Eber and Judith (Green) Carpenter, b. in Alstead, Dec. 24, 1803, m. 1st, Lydia H. Chandler, of Coleraine, Mass., d. in Chfd., Dec. 16, 1837, a.

*Clarissa Wate was the dau. of Maj. ——— Wate, of Wmd., a native of Germany, and a soldier of the Revolution.

27 ; 2d, 1843, Mrs. Thirza L. Scott. wid. of Noyes Scott (4), and dau. of Elijah Walton (3), and who d. July 9, 1848 ; 3d, Cornelia M., dau. of Jona. Cobleigh (2). He graduated at the medical school in Castleton, Vt., in 1826, and settled in Chfd. in '27 or '28. He engaged in the practice of medicine here till the time of his death, Aug. 13, 1852. Representative 1848.

Ch. : *James H.*, b. Dec. 8, 1830 ; d. in infancy.—*Helen M.*, b. July 7, 1832 ; d. Aug. 6, 1839.—*James H.*, b. Oct. 3, 1833 ; d. in infancy.—*Lucretia A.*, b. July 6, 1835.—*Charles H.*, b. Aug. 26, 1845.

CARPENTER, ALPHEUS, brother of Dr. Harvey Carpenter, b. Dec. 25, 1812, m., 1844 or '43, Hannah Metcalf, and resided in Chfd. till the time of his death, Mar. 7, 1854.

CARPENTER, CHARLES DARWIN, brother of Dr. Harvey Carpenter, m. Eliza Ann, dau. of Joseph Clark (2). Had a son, *Charles Darwin*, b. Oct 20, 1846, and d in infancy. He d. in Chfd., May 1, 1847, a. 24.

CHAFFIN, EPHRAIM, 1790—about 1806 ; PETER, 1796—about 1806 ; JONATHAN, JR., 1797—about 1806. The wife of Jonathan, Jr., was Nabby ———, and he had a dau., *Olive*, b. June 3, 1802.

CHAMBERLAIN.

Benjamin Chamberlain, son of Joseph, one of the settlers of Oxford, Mass., m. in that town, in 1728, Mary, dau. of Philip Amidon, of the same town. No record of their ch., except the first, which was a dau., has been found ; but it is very probable that Ithamar Chamberlain (1), who settled in Chfd. as early as 1770, was their son. Mary Amidon, the wife of Benjamin Chamberlain, had a brother Ithamar, and may have named one of her sons after him. Ithamar Chamberlain had a brother, Joseph, who did not come to Chfd. His (Joseph's) wife was Sarah ———, d. 1813. He d. 1776, leaving, at least, the following ch. : Sarah, m. Stephen Streeter (1) ; Molly, d. 1782 ; John, d. 1782 ; Asabel, d. 1778 ; Phebe, d. 1805 ; Calvin, d. 1819 ; Luther ; Reuben.

I. ITHAMAR CHAMBERLAIN, supposed son of Benjamin and Mary (Amidon) Chamberlain, of Oxford, Mass., b. 1745, m., 1770, Hephzibah, dau. of Samuel Farr (1), and who d. Dec. 1, 1827. Oct. 24, 1770, he purchased of Martin Warner, of this town, lot No. 12, in the 14th range, and settled on, or near, the same. He built the first grist-mill on the place where the upper one

now stands, at the West Village, apparently about 1810. He was killed by a runaway horse, Sept. 19, 1825, at the age of 80 years.

Ch.: *Rebecca*, m., 1796, John Wilder, of Brat.; d. Nov. 15, 1811.—*Samuel* (2), b. Aug. 22, 1773.—*Anna* (*Nancy*), b. 1775; m. 1st, Samuel Dutton, of Dum.; 2d, 1844, Alexander Robertson (6); d. Oct. 20, 1862; a. 87.—*Benjamin* (3).—*Polly*, m. Lemuel Bowles, of Rockingham, Vt.—*Ithamar* (4).—*Hephzibah*, d. 1790.

2. SAMUEL, son of Ithamar (1), m. Damaris, dau. of Joshua Wilder, of Brat., and who d. Sept. 25, 1843, in her 63d year. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Mar. 3, 1852.

Ch.: *Joshua Wilder* (5), b. Jan. 29, 1799.—*Alanson* (6), b. Mar. 24, 1801.—*Josiah*, b. Oct. 26, 1803; d. June 5, 1827.—*Alfred* (7), b. Oct. 14, 1806.—*George*, b. May 23, 1811; m., 1837, Diantha, dau. of Samuel Thompson (6). Res. in Chfd. Farmer and stone-mason Selectman 1852. Has no ch.—*Samuel* (8), b. Jan. 28, 1813.—*Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 3, 1823; m., Apr. 17, 1849, Shubel H. Randall (7).

5. JOSHUA WILDER, son of Samuel (2), m. Mary Wilson, b. May 17, 1807, and d. May 5, 1871. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Mary Ann*, b. Apr. 2, 1824; m., 1844, John Harris (12); d. July 23, 1863.—*Olive*, b. June 13, 1826; d. July 6, 1841.—*Joshua Wilder* (9), b. June 24, 1829.—*Josiah* (10), b. Oct. 4, 1831.

9. JOSHUA WILDER, son of Joshua Wilder (5), m., Mar. 26, 1854, Mrs. Harriet M. Swan, wid. of Benj. F. Swan, and dau. of David Johnson (2). Res. in Chfd. Carpenter.

Ch.: *Anna P.*, b. Apr. 4, 1855.—*Gertrude O.*, b. Mar. 2, 1858; d. Mar. 4, 1862.—*D. Wilder*, b. Apr. 19, 1860.—*Richard J.*, b. May 6, 1863; d. Oct. 4, 1873.

10. JOSIAH, son of Joshua Wilder (5), m. 1st, Ellen S. dau. of David W. Goodrich (1), and who d. Feb. 12, 1857; 2d, Aug. 10, 1858, Lena Bowman, of Berlin, P. O., where he d. Jan. 18, 1867. He was a carpenter and builder, and resided a number of years in Canada.

Ch.: (All b. in Canada) *Charles W.*, b. Apr. 14, 1856.—

Arthur B., b. Jan. 18, 1860.—*Ralph W.*, b. Jan. 3, 1861.—*Judith M.*, b. May 20, 1865.

6. ALANSON, son of Samuel (2), m. 1st, 1831, Eliza Ann, dau. of Asa Thompson (8), and who d. Jan. 4, 1839; 2d, July 7, 1844, Abigail, dau. of John Pierce (3), and who d. Apr. 29, 1858. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Ithamar*, b. Oct. 20, 1832; d. Sept. 17, 1855. He was a student and teacher, and his death was doubtless hastened by excessive application to his studies.—*Asa T.*, b. Feb. 26, 1834; d. Jan. 26, 1852.—*William*, b. Oct. 29, 1837; unm. Res. at present in Chfd.

7. ALFRED, son of Samuel (2), m., 1834, Emily H., dau. of Ora Farr (12). Farmer. He d. in Newark, Vt., where he was residing, Nov. 5, 1879.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Helen E.*, b. Feb. 21, 1836; m., 1854, Frank A. Way, now of Newark, Vt.—*Olive A.*, b. Jan. 15, 1844; m., Sept. 16, 1869, Edward A. Turner, of Alstead. *Norman F.*, b. Dec. 12, 1846; d. Feb. 21, 1852.—*Emma H.*, b. Feb. 26, 1851; d. Feb. 28, 1852.

8. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (2), m. 1st, 1841, Elmira, dau. of Samuel Thompson (6), and who d. Aug. 28, 1844; 2d, 1858, Mrs. Laura T. (Barrett) Atherton, wid. of Chas. B. Atherton (11), and who d. Nov. 18 1860, in her 35th year; 3d, Nov. 27, 1862, Mrs. Mary E. Holden, wid. of Wm. Holden, and dau. of Ebenezer Swan, of Tyngsboro', Mass. Stone-mason and farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Martha E.*, b. Sept. 9, 1859; d. Dec. 9, 1860.—*Alice E.*, b. Sept. 20, 1863; d. Sept. 14, 1865.—*Laura S.*, b. Sept. 3, 1866.

3. BENJAMIN, son of Ithamar (1), m. Rosina Amsden, of Dum. He rem., about 1835, to Putnam Co., Ind., where he d., and where his ch., that are living, still res.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Orison*, m. 1st, 1834, Mary B., dau. of Cutler Blodgett (2); 2d, ———.—*Amsden*, d. in Putnam Co., Ind.—*Rosina*.—*Warren*.

4. ITHAMAR, son of Ithamar (1), m., 1813, Rebecca Dutton, of Dum., d. June 15, 1863. Resided in Chfd. till about 1832, when he rem. to Dum., where he d. June 13, 1859.

Ch.: *William*, b. Feb. 10, 1814; d. Oct. 12, 1818.—*Nancy*, b. Apr. 8, 1815; d. June 11, 1838.—*Cyrus*, b. Nov. 8, 1817; d. Feb. 19, 1819.—*Hiram K.* (11), b. Feb. 27, 1819.—*Rebecca*, b. Aug. 19, 1820; d. Dec. 22, 1852.—*Mary*, b. Dec. 12, 1826; m. 1st, 1846, Alanson Stockwell; 2d, Amsden, son of Benjamin Chamberlain (3).

11. **HIRAM K.**, son of Ithamar (4), m., Jan. 1, 1845, Sarah A. Nourse, of Dum. Farmer in Brat.

Ch.: *Maverette A.*, b. Apr. 19, 1846; m., Aug. 29, 1874, Geo. F. Fisher.—*Theodore A.*, b. Feb. 26, 1849; m., Aug. 23, 1870, Etta A. Estey.—*Lizzie C.*, b. Feb. 20, 1853; d. Jan. 14, 1863.—*Fenner H.*, b. Sept. 30, 1858.

CHAMBERLAIN, THOMAS, appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1791. His wife was Anna ———. He may have rem. from the town about 1802. Five ch. were recorded: *Phineas*, b. Nov. 13, 1781.—*Polly*, b. Apr. 8, 1784; m. (probably), 1805, Ebenezer, son of Asa Gale (q. v.)—*Anna*, b. May 17, 1788.—*Oliver B.*, b. June 8, 1790.—*Silve*, b. Oct. 9, 1794.

CHANDLER, JOHN, was in Chfd. in 1792, having evidently come from Wmd., to which town he returned in '96 or '97. His wife was Elizabeth ———. Four ch. were recorded in the records of Wmd. and of this town: *Reuben*, b. Apr. 1, 1791; *Isaac*, b. May 30, 1793; *Sarah*, b. May 11, 1795; *David*, b. Apr. 23, 1797.

CHANDLER.

1. **CLARK CHANDLER**, a descendant, in the seventh generation, of Wm. Chandler, m. Nancy Lyon, of Coleraine, Mass. Two of his ch. were, *Nelson Horatio* (2), b. 1804, in Coleraine, and *Alexander* (3), b. Jan. 14, 1816, in the same town.
2. **NELSON H.**, son of Clark (1), m., Aug. 18, 1836, Louisa M., dau. of Calvin Gilson (2). From about 1834 to '52 or '53, he resided in Chfd., and was engaged in trade several years at Factory Village. He rem. to Brat., where he d. Oct. 3, 1873.

Ch.: *Henry Horatio*, b. July 25, 1837; m. Sarah Knight, of Charlestown, Mass. Merchant in Boston.—*Maria Amelia*, b. Mar. 30, 1839; m. E. G. Park, of Boston.—*Geo. Washington*, b. Aug. 7, 1840; m. Hannah Lillas, of Brat.—*Helen*

Augusta, b. Oct. 20, 1843.—*John Girard*, b. Sept. 26, 1846; m. Josephine Durgin, of Raymond. Merchant in Boston.

3. ALEXANDER, son of Clark (1), m., Apr. 29, 1839, Lydia, dau. of Mason Herrick (4). Farmer in Chfd. He d. June 29, 1881.

Ch.: *Maria J.*, b. May 25, 1840; d. Oct. 7, 1854.—*Francis Mason*, b. Mar. 21, 1841; d. Mar. 13, 1853.—*Harriet Barber*, b. Jan. 1, 1844.—*Clark Nelson*, b. Feb. 25, 1847; m., Sept. 26, 1872, Amelia, adopted dau. of Elijah Boyden, of Marlboro'. He is a member of the firm of "Dort & Chandler," druggists, of Keene.

CHAPMAN, STEPHEN, m. Abigail ———. Had a son, *Elias*, b. May 11, 1771.

CHAPMAN, AMASA, between 1807 and '12—'32. Cabinet-maker at the Centre Village.

CHASE, JOSHUA, was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Susanna ———, b. Feb. 18, 1747. The name is not found after 1797. The following ch. were recorded: *Jacob*, b. June 30, 1771; *Abigail*, b. Apr. 25, 1773; *William P.*, b. June 8, 1775, and d. 1778; *George*, b. Jan. 2, 1778, and d. the same year; *Susanna*, b. Oct. 17, 1780; *William P.*, b. June 22, 1783; *Lucy*, b. Apr. 8, 1786; *John*, b. Aug. 15, 1788.

CHASE, ABEL, was in Chfd. in 1787. His wife was Joanna ———. The name disappears about 1800. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *George*, b. July 27, 1787; *Charles*, b. July 6, 1789.

CHASE, DAVID, m. Sally ———. Three ch. were recorded: *Eliza*, b. Sept. 25, 1826; *Caroline*, b. Aug. 26, 1829; *Abbot T.*, b. June 8, 1831.

CHASE, BELA, b. in Keene, Dec. 2, 1795; m. 1st, Eliza Abbott; 2d, Eda White. d. 1871. For a number of years he was engaged in trade at Factory Village. He d. Jan. 29, 1867.

Ch.: *Eliza Abbott*, b. May 17, 1822.—*Mary Hough*, b. Dec. 10, 1823; m., May 9, 1849, David W. Beckley (2).

CHENEY, EBENEZER, from Tiverton, R. I., settled in Chfd. about 1791. His wife was Lydia ———, d. Apr. 4, 1859, a. 90. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. He d. Apr. 7, 1847, a. 84.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Ebenezer*, res. in Keene.—*Fosiah*, m., 1822, Harriet, dau. of Lyman Scott (3).—*Lydia*, d. May 19, 1861, a. 61.—*Clark*, m., 1834, Adeline M. (Crosby), wid. of Washington, son of Ephm. White (1); d. in Chfd., Mar. 15, 1853, a. 51.—*Simon*, m., 1830, Mary, dau. of Reuben Lewis (1)—*Alexander*.—*Nathan*.—*Eleanor*.

CIBBS, ANNA, dau. of Nathaniel Cibbs, of Westminster, Vt., d. May 13, 1802, in her 22d year.

CLARK.

1. WILLIAM CLARK, b. 1756 or '57, rem. from Townsend, Mass., to Fitzwilliam, but whether before or after the War of the Revolution, is uncertain. He was a soldier in the American army during a part, if not the whole, of that war. Mar. 1, 1785, he purchased of Samuel Davis, of this town, a part of lot No. 13, in the 14th range, and soon after settled on, or near, the same. His wife was Sarah Peacock, d. June 26, 1833, a. 78. He d. Feb. 19, 1849, a. 92. He had brothers, Samuel, James and Jonas, who settled in other towns—the first named in Andover, Vt.

Ch.: *William* (2), b. Jan. 6, 1784.—*Sally*, b. Aug. 5, 1785; m., 1812, Thomas Tolman, of Swzy.—*Daniel* (3), b. Mar. 24, 1788.—*Samuel*, b. Mar. 14, 1790; d. Mar. 13, 1811.—*Susan*, m., 1832, David Johnson (2); d. Nov. 6, 1847.—*Polly*, b. 1794; d. June 1, 1857, a. 63.

2. WILLIAM, son of William (1), m. Eleanor Cahill, b. in Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y., June 22, 1791, and d. Apr. 21, 1839. Resided in N. Y. City. He was a noted penman, and for many years taught, and lectured on, penmanship. He d. of paralysis, Apr. 5, 1841.

Ch.: *Sarah A.*, d. Aug. 14, 1842, a. 23; unm.—*Elizabeth A.*, m., Oct. 6, 1870, Hon. Socrates Tuttle, of Paterson, N. J., where she res.—*William* (4).—*James H.*, m. Eleanor, dau. of Rev. S. V. E. Westfall, a minister in the Reformed Church. He is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lake View, N. J., where he res.

4. WILLIAM, son of William (2), m. 1st, Mary Adeline, dau. of Russell Davis (6), and who d. in Paoli, Wis., July 25, 1868;

2d, Amanda Meacham. He rem. from Chfd., in 1863, to Wis., but res. at present in Washington Territory. Selectman 1858, '59.

Ch.: (By first marriage) *William Irving*, b. 1853, in Chfd. — *Thirza Ellen*, b. 1854, in Chfd.; m., July 5, 1880, at Devil's Lake, Wis., W. E. Kollock.

3. DANIEL, son of William (1), m., 1815, Amy, dau. of Ezra Davis (3), and who d. June 7, 1834. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 8, 1822.

Ch.: *Elizabeth*, b. June 23, 1816; m., 1836, Chas. Cross. Res. in Keene.—*Maria*, b. Feb. 15, 1818; m., May 7, 1838, J. Boyden, son of John Day (3). Res. in Galva, Ill.—*Samuel Daniel* (5), b. Jan. 28, 1820.—*Eleanor*, b. Oct. 18, 1821; m. Fisk Cross; d. Jan. 4, 1859.

5. SAMUEL D., son of Daniel (3), m., 1845, in Manchester, Sarah E. Emerson, b. Sept. 2, 1824. A carpenter by trade, he was engaged for a number of years in the construction of railway and other buildings in the United States and Canada. Res. at present in Port Huron, Mich., to which town he rem., in 1871, from Wmd., where he had resided several years.

Ch.: *William Edward*, b. in Manchester, Nov. 5, 1847; m., Apr. 23, 1872, Sophia E. Putnam. Res. at Brat. Roadmaster of the Vt. Valley and Sullivan R. R.—*Susan Elizabeth*, b. in Chfd. Sept. 27, 1849; m., Dec. 11, 1871, Lucius G. Liscom, of Hins. Res. in Port Huron.—*Frank Pierce*, b. in Chfd., Dec. 24, 1851; m., Jan. 13, 1876, Eunice E., dau. of Jotham and Jerusha (Streeter) Paine, of Wmd. Res. in Springfield, Ill.—*Amy Adams*, b. in Chfd., Jan. 25, 1854; m., Aug. 28, 1878, Walter W. Sanderson, of Mich.—*Clara Abby*, b. at Port Sarnia, P. O., June 1, 1857; d. at Port Huron, Sept. 25, 1881.—*John Charles McKenzie*, b. at Port Sarnia, June 16, 1858; d. at East St. Louis, Ill., Aug. 18, 1881.—*Laura McAlpine*, b. in Wmd., May 17, 1865.

CLARK.

1. SOLOMON CLARK came to Chfd., from Petersham, Mass., probably in 1794 or '95, and settled in the western part of the town, on the farm long known as the "Sol. Clark farm," a part of

which is now owned by Silas P. Yeager. He m. 1st, Jemima Caruth, d. June 16, 1815, in her 46th year; 2d, Sarah, dau. of Edward Hildreth (5), and who d. Apr. 18, 1846. He d. June 13, 1841, a. 69.

Ch.: *Joseph* (2), b. Aug. 6, 1792.—*Harden*, b. July 29, 1795; m., 1814, Olive, dau. of Simeon Tucker. Rem. to the "Black River country," N. Y.—*Asahel*, b. Dec. 11, 1797; d. the same month.—*William C.*, b. Mar. 23, 1799; m., 1820, Salome, dau. of Josiah Hastings (8). Rem. to Dickinson, N. Y.—*Solomon*, b. Apr. 15, 1801; rem. to N. Y. State.—*Jonas*, b. Mar. 24, 1803; unm.; d. in Chfd.—*Jemima*, b. July 25, 1805; m., 1831, Geo. A. Balch, of Keene.—*Mary*, b. 1809; m. Gilman, son of Montgomery Darling (4); d. Jan. 14, 1863.—*Charles N.* (3), b. Nov. 30, 1816.

2. JOSEPH, son of Solomon (1), m. 1st, 1813, Fanny Gary, d. Feb. 27, 1817, in her 28th year; 2d, 1817, Polly, dau. of John Kneeland (q. v.), and who d. May 7, 1850. Resided in Chfd. Blacksmith. He d. July 25, 1852.

Ch.: *Lavernie*, b. Apr. 25, 1815; m., Oct. 22, 1833, Charles C. Webster (q. v.)—*Joseph L.*, b. Feb. 8, 1817; m. Wid. ——— Redman; d. in Louisville, Ky., 1862.—*Henry O.* (4), b. June 1, 1819.—*Arza K.* (5), b. Feb. 9, 1823.—*Eliza A.*, b. Dec. 24, 1825; m. 1st, Chas. D. Carpenter (q. v.); 2d, Geo. S. Wilder, of Hins.; d. Feb. 11, 1868.—*Wilder P.* (6), b. Oct. 12, 1832.—*Helen M.*, b. July 1, 1835; m., Apr. 18, 1855, Spencer M. Leonard, of Wmd., where she res.—*Julia M.*, b. May 24, 1838; m., June 22, 1864, Oscar E. Sargeant (7).

4. HENRY O., son of Joseph (2), m., Sept., 1839, Hannah, dau. of Reuben Willard (2). From 1840 to '49, he engaged in driving the stage between Walpole and Brat.; from the latter date till May, 1856, was station-agent, at Walpole, for the Cheshire railroad. He was then transferred to the station at Winchendon, Mass., where he has since resided, having been in the employ of the Cheshire R. R. Co. over 31 years.

Ch.: (All b. in Walpole) *Hannah O.*, b. Apr. 18, 1840; m. Theodore K. Parker.—*Henry W.*, b. June 11, 1842; m. Mary K. Farrer, of Winchendon.—*Wallace R.*, b. Nov. 11, 1844; d. Sept. 2, 1864.

5. ARZA K., son of Joseph (2), m., 1845, Sophira S., dau. of Reuben Marsh (2). Resided in Chfd. Blacksmith. Selectman 1852, '53, '63, '64; town-clerk '54. He d. Nov. 6, 1868.
Ch.: *Arza*, b. May 11, 1848; d. the same year.—*Rosella S.*, b. June 1, 1849; m. Reuben A., son of Amherst Lewis (2). —*Arthur F.*, b. Dec. 29, 1853.—*Chas. Wilder*, b. Oct. 25, 1863.
6. WILDER P., son of Joseph (2), m. Mary C. Merrill, b. at Portland, Me., Aug. 26, 1839. Res. at Winchendon, Mass., where he is engaged in the wooden-ware business.
Ch.: *Murdock Merrill*, b. in Belfast, Me., Dec. 9, 1867.—*Mary Wilder*, b. in Winchendon. June 11, 1873.—*Maurice Leonard*, b. in Winchendon, July 13, 1875.
3. CHARLES N., son of Solomon (1), m. 1st, Lucy B. dau. of Daniel Fletcher (3), and who d. Mar. 21, 1846, in her 26th year; 2d, 1847, Lucy, dau. of John Pierce (3). Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Oct. 26, 1878.
Ch.: *Cornelia E.*, b. May 1, 1843; m., Nov. 12, 1867, Charles R., son of Parker Farr (6).

CLARK, ABIGAIL, m., 1792, Samuel Davis, Jr.

COBB, SYLVESTER, was in Chfd. in 1787. His wife was Mary ———. His name disappears about 1796. Three ch. were recorded: *Sylvester*, b. Feb. 4, 1786; *Mercy*, b. Mar. 21, 1788; *Alanson*, b. Apr. 12, 1790.

COBB, MORGAN, m., 1816, Abigail Farr.

COBB, THOMAS J., son of Tisdale Cobb, and grandson of Samuel Cobb, b. in Coventry, Vt., Aug. 25, 1804, m., 1827, Caroline, dau. of Richard Hopkins (1). Res. at present in Freedom, N. Y.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Sarah A.*, b. Aug., 1829; unm.—*Caroline E.*, b. 1831; m., Oct., 1850, Peter Vanocker, of Freedom, N. Y.—*Prusha M.*, b. 1832; m., in Chfd., Hopkins Crosby.—*Richard T.*, b. Oct. 18, 1834; m., Oct. 14, 1868, Sarah F., dau. of Alanson Spaulding (2). Mechanic. Res. in Chfd.—*James H.*, b. July 10, 1837; m. ———. Res. in Centreville, N. Y.

COBLEIGH.

1. ELEAZER COBLEIGH was in Chfd. in 1766. His wife was probably Phebe ———. The first grist-mill erected in the town was probably built by him. (*See pp.* 39, 158.) Selectman 1767. He d. between 1767 and '70, leaving (probably) a son, *Eleazer* (2), and perhaps other ch.
2. ELEAZER, son of Eleazer (1), m., 1782, Tabitha, dau. of Abraham Farr (1), and who d. in Windham, Vt., a. about 101. Soldier 1775. He rem. to Windham about 1800. The following ch. were b. in Chfd.: *Zolney*, b. Oct. 16, 1782; *Patty*, b. Apr. 11, 1785; *Elon*, b. Nov. 22, 1787; *Adon*, b. Dec. 26, 1790.

COBLEIGH, DAN, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Esther ———. The name disappears before 1787. Four ch. were recorded: *Molly*, b. Mar. 20, 1769; *Mehetabel*, b. Sept. 5, 1771; *Phebe*, b. Mar. 15, 1773; *Rocselene*, b. Sept. 24, 1779.

COBLEIGH, JONATHAN, from New Braintree, Mass., purchased, Apr. 13, 1763, of Simon Davis, of this town, lot No. 10, in the 15th range; No. 14, in the 1st range; and No. 14, in the 2d range. On the tax-list for 1770 are the names of "Jonathan Cobleigh" and "Jonathan Cobleigh, Jr." It is presumed that the latter was the son of the former, but the name of Jonathan Sen.'s, wife is not known. The following is probably a record of the ch. of Jonathan, Jr.: "Children of Jonathan Cobleigh and Esther his wife:" *Lemuel*, b. Mar. 24, 1769; *Lydda*, b. Jan. 24, 1771, and probably d. young; *Jonathan*, b. May 27, 1779; *James*, b. July 12, 1785. Jonathan, Jr., appears to have m., for his second wife, Betsey ———, and to have had *Sally* and *Lydia* (twins), b. July 22, 1791.

The name of Jonathan. (Sen.). disappears before 1787; that of Jonathan, Jr., is not found after 1794. The latter was probably a soldier in 1777.

COBLEIGH, OLIVER, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Margaret ———. Lieutenant in 1777; selectman '79. The name is not found after 1794. Four ch. were recorded: *Oliver*, b. May 7, 1766; *Eunice*, b. Oct. 17, 1768; *Joel*, b. June 11, 1771; *Samuel*, b. Sept. 21, 1774.

COBLEIGH.

1. JOHN COBLEIGH was in Chfd. in 1776. He may have been the son of Jonathan Cobleigh, (Sen.), but it is tolerably certain that he was not the son of Eleazer Cobleigh, (Sen.) He m. Deborah, dau. of Abner Harris (1), and resided on the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, Erastus H. Cobleigh. He d. June 8, 1825, in his 73d year. His wife d. Mar. 13, 1836, a. 82.

Ch.: *John*, b. Apr. 10, 1776; m., 1795, Polly Stanford.—*Polly*, b. Mar. 11, 1778.—*Levi W.*, b. Feb. 13, 1780; rem. to Sutton, Vt., or vicinity.—*Sampson*, b. Feb. 15, 1782; m., 1806, Abigail, dau. of Amos Smith (4). Rem. to Sutton, Vt.—*Lydia*, b. June 19, 1784; m., 1803, Noah Farr (10).—*Deborah Mercy*, b. Oct. 13, 1786; m., 1804, Amos Farr (8); d. before 1806.—*Abner Harris*, b. Nov. 18, 1788; m. Nabby, dau. of Shadrach Herrick (1). Rem. to Sutton, Vt.—*Erastus*, b. Feb. 17, 1791; m. Hannah, dau. of John Day (2); d. July 3, 1821, leaving 3 ch.: Royal E., b. Oct. 1, 1813; Marshall D., b. Jan. 21, 1817, and m., in Littleton, 1838, Phinisa, dau. of Noah Farr (10); Hannah C., b. Mar. 7, 1819.—*Joshua*, b. May 7, 1793.—*Jonathan* (2), b. July, 1795.

2. JONATHAN, son of John (1), m., 1818, Harriet, dau. of Oliver Hastings (7), and who d. Apr. 4, 1879. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Apr. 22, 1859.

Ch.: *Cornelia Maria*, b. Jan. 12, 1820; m. 1st, 1839, Wm. H. Cobleigh (q. v.); 2d, Dr. Harvey Carpenter (q. v.); 3d, Willard Hammond, of Wincr.—*Deborah Helen*, b. May 9, 1822; m. 1st, Mar. 9, 1842, Chas. M. Davis (7); 2d, Nov. 28, 1854, Geo. H. F. Colburn (6).—*Mary Emeline*, b. Dec. 8, 1823; m. 1st, 1846, James F., son of Ebenezer Robertson (7); 2d, Anasa Aldrich, of Wincr.—*John Leavitt*, b. Feb. 19, 1826; m. Mary Elizabeth Kidd. Res. in San Francisco, Cal. Has one dau., Josephine S., b. May 3, 1851, and m. David Love.—*Erastus Hastings* (3), b. May 26, 1828.—*Susanna Sophia*, b. Mar. 16, 1830; m. Henry C. Lyman, of Wincr; d. 1864.—*Otis Barrett* (4), b. Apr. 9, 1832.—*Herbert Rockwood* and *Henry Coolidge* (5), b. June 16, 1834. Herbert

R. d. Mar. 11, 1837.—*Harriet Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 17, 1837; m., 1857, George Ware, of Wmd.—*Charles Edward*, b. Dec. 10, 1841; m. Nora Clarey. Res. in Cal.

3. ERASTUS H., son of Jonathan (2), m., June 6, 1855, Augusta C., dau. of Orsmer and Chloe (Cook) Willis, of Wincr. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Geo. Erastus*, b. July 4, 1856; d. Jan. 13, 1865.—*Mary Augusta*, b. Jan. 2, 1858.—*Frank Willis*, b. Aug. 23, 1859.—*George Orsmer*, b. May 24, 1869.

4. OTIS B., son of Jonathan (2), m. Caroline Augusta Kent. Res. in N. Y. City.

Ch.: *Harriet Augusta*, b. Oct. 29, 1856.—*Fuliette*, b. Feb. 13, 1858.—*Geo. Elder*, b. Aug. 8, 1859.—*Jonathan Otis*, b. Apr. 23, 1864.—*John*, b. Oct. 20, 1866.—*Fane Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 8, 1868.—*Grace*, b. Feb. 20, 1871.

5. HENRY C., son of Jonathan (2), m., Mar. 10, 1859, Abbie Ellen, dau. of Erastus and Eunice (Storrs) Ware, of Wmd., where he res. Farmer.

Ch.: *Fred Erastus*, b. June 2, 1860.—*Charles Henry*, b. Apr. 27, 1863.—*Carrie Isabell*, b. Feb. 5, 1869.—*Vinie Adell*, b. Nov. 9, 1870.

COBLEIGH, WILLIAM H., m., 1839, Cornelia M., dau. of Jonathan Cobleigh (2).

Ch.: *Georgiana*, b. Mar. 12, 1842; m. Henry Colburn. Res. at Turner's Falls, Mass.—*Roxana*, b. June 4, 1843; d. 1845.—*Mary Jane*, b. June 29, 1844; m. ——— Clark. Res. in Boston.—*Julia M.*, b. May 25, 1846; m. Thomas J. Humphrey, now of Chfd.

COBLEIGH, ATHALIAH, m., 1781, Jeremiah Wheeler (q. v.)

COBLEIGH, MARTHA, m., 1782, Samuel Farr (1), *Third*.

COBLEIGH, REUBEN, m., 1783, Lucy Pierce. His name is not found after 1787.

COCHRAN, JONATHAN, settled in Chfd. about 1797. His wife was Agnes ———, a native of Londonderry, d. Apr. 30, 1818, in her 73d year. He was a surveyor. His name and that of his

son, *John*, both disappear about 1819. John was a school-master, and is said, also, to have engaged sometimes in smuggling goods from Canada, carrying them on his back, and traveling, much of the way, in the woods and forests.

COLBURN, AMOS, was in Chfd. in 1772, which year he purchased of Simon Davis house-lot No. 12, in the 11th range, and of Elkanah Day house-lot No. 13, in the same range. His wife was Sarah ———. He was a lieutenant in Col. Scammel's regiment in 1777, '78, '79. The name is not found after 1795.

Ch.: *Amos*, b. Feb. 4, 1772; *Salla*, b. Mar. 29, 1774; *Alpheus*, b. Nov. 10, 1780; *Sibyl*, b. July 21, 1782; *Andrew*, b. July 26, 1787; *Simon*, b. Jan. 11, 1790.

COLBURN.

1. BENJAMIN COLBURN, of Dudley, Mass., purchased of Simon Davis, of Chfd., Dec. 6, 1773, lot No. 5, in the 14th range, and probably settled on the same soon after. His wife was Hannah ———. He d. Jan. 21, 1784, in his 60th year. In his will, made Aug. 6, 1783, the following ch. were mentioned: *Daniel* (2).—*Amasa*, (m. Lucy ———, and had a dau., *Alatheda*, b. June 10, 1778. He was a soldier in 1776.)—*William* (3).—*Fedediah*, (m., 1792, Charlotte Nash).—*Alice*,) m., 1778, Eleazer, son of David Stoddard (1).)—*Hannah*, (m., 1783, John Harris (2).)—*Olive*, (m., 1785, John Day (2).)
2. DANIEL, son of Benjamin (1), m. Mary ———. Soldier 1777. He probably d. in Chfd. about 1827.

Ch.: *Ebenezer*, b. Aug. 22, 1779; m., 1802, Sally Howard. —*Hannah*, b. Mar. 1, 1781; m., 1803, Phineas, son of Gibson Willard (2).—*Benjamin*, b. June 12, 1782; d. 1791.—*Daniel*, b. June 17, 1784; d. 1786.—*Nabby*, b. June 14, 1786.—*Daniel*, b. July 23, 1788; m., 1809, Clarissa, dau. of Comfort Day (2); d. in Chfd., June 28, 1845.—*Cornelius*, b. Apr. 7, 1790.

3. WILLIAM, son of Benjamin (1), m., 1788, Sarah, dau. of Oliver Brigham (1). Resided in Chfd. He d. probably about 1834.

Ch.: *Olive*, b. June 15, 1788.—*Ezekiel* (4), b. May 9, 1790. —*Flavilla*, b. Dec. 6, 1792.—*Fason*, b. Dec. 12, 1794.—*Clarissa*, b. Jan. 30, 1796.—*Lucy*, b. Jan. 23, 1798; d. Oct. 28,

1802.—*Thirza*, b. Oct. 17, 1800; d. Oct. 18, 1802.—*Ora*, b. Feb. 13, 1803; m., 1830, Delia S., dau. of John Day (2). Res. in Burke, Vt.

4. EZEKIEL, son of William (3), m., 1817, Martha, dau. of Edmond Farnsworth (1), and who d. Mar. 25, 1873. Resided in Chfd. He d. July 5, 1872.

Ch.: *Newell N.* (5), b. Mar. 15, 1819.—*Celinda M.* b. Dec. 12, 1821; m., 1848, Sylvanus Holden, of Shirley, Mass.—*Lucy R.*, b. May 2, 1823; d. young.—*George H. F.* (6), b. Apr. 6, 1825.—*Norman N.*, b. Jan. 8, 1827; m. Seraphina Joy, of Brat. He enlisted in the 29th Regt. Wis. Volunteers, and d. at Helena, Ark., Jan. 1, 1863, leaving 2 ch.: *Lizzie T.*, b. Sept. 24, 1854; *Mary A.*, b. July 23, 1857.—*Levi L.* (7), b. June 21, 1829.—*Warren*, b. Sept. 16, 1831; m. Keziah, dau. of John Putnam, of Brat. He was a soldier in the Union army, and d. in the Rebel prison at Andersonville, Ga., Oct. 4, 1863, leaving one son, *Albert S.*, b. Nov. 3, 1861.—*Robertus F.*, b. Dec. 21, 1837; m., Mar. 23, 1862, Cynthia, dau. of James Holman (2). Res. in Shirley, Mass. Has one son, *Edward F.*, b. June 2, 1871.

5. NEWELL N., son of Ezekiel (4), m. 1st, Nov. 2, 1845, *Isabella R.*, dau. of Capt. Henry Kemp, of Brat., and who d. July 13, 1879; 2d, Dec. 26, 1880, *Maria W.*, dau. of Mark Cook (2). Farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Leroy N.*, b. May 11, 1848; m., Jan. 25, 1871, *Mary A.*, dau. of Samuel J. Hubbard, of Walpole. Farmer in Chfd. Has one ch., *Edith L.*, b. May 17, 1872.

6. GEORGE H. F., son of Ezekiel (4), m., Nov. 28, 1854, *Mrs. Deborah H. Davis*, wid. of Chas. M. Davis (7), and dau. of Jonathan Cobleigh (2). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Martha Adelle*, b. May 26, 1856; m., Jan. 22, 1879, *Geo. S. Howard*, of Hins.—*Hattie Amelia*, b. Nov. 1, 1858.—*Norman George*, b. Dec. 17, 1862.

7. LEVI L., son of Ezekiel (4), m., Apr. 24, 1859, *Mary Ann P.*, dau. of Bethuel Field (2). Farmer and carpenter. Selectman 1865, '66. Rem. from Chfd. to Kinsley, Kan., in 1878.

Ch.: *Julia C.*, b. Dec. 12, 1861.—*Lelia*, b. Feb. 10, 1867.—*Mabel E.*, b. Nov. 12, 1868.—*Herbert W.*, b. Aug. 30, 1870.

COLBURN, EMROY H., son of Amos and Charlotte Colburn, b. in Lyme, Aug. 9, 1820, m. 1st, Jerusha A., dau. of Chas. Davenport (2), and who d. Oct. 6, 1856; 2d, June 30, 1859, Martha E., sister of first wife. Mechanic, and postmaster at the West Village.

Ch.: *Mayland E.*, b. Nov. 14, 1863; m., June 20, 1881, Elva E., dau. of Josiah L. and Lizzie (Wheelock) Leach, now of Chfd.—*Mattie F.*, b. Apr. 26, 1872.

COLE, AMASA, here in 1789, but appears to have remained but a short time.

COLE, LEVI, b. Jan. 10, 1762, was here in 1790, but probably remained only a few years. His wife was Cloe ———. Two ch. were recorded: *Cloe*, b. May 4, 1788; *Levi*, b. Aug. 15, 1790.

CONE, CURTIS E., b. in Claremont, m., Aug. 23, 1835, Celia Judd, of the same town. He d. July 7, 1871, in his 63d year. His widow still res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Henry*, b. May 24, 1836; d. in Putney, Vt., Feb. 9, 1843.—*Oscar R.*, b. June 29, 1840; d. in Keene, July 2, 1859.—*Martha Ann*, b. in Chfd., Nov. 6, 1843; m. Frank Hemmenway, of Troy, N. Y.—*Schuyler*, b. in Chfd., Apr. 18, 1845; d. Nov. 25, the same year.—*Lauretta M.*, b. in Chfd., Oct. 23, 1847.

CONVERSE.

Dea. Edward Converse settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1630. From him was descended, in the fifth generation, Joshua Converse. (Dea. Edward¹, James², James³, John⁴, Joshua⁵.) Joshua was born in Woburn, Mass., June 3, 1704, and rem. to Dunstable early in life. In 1729, he m. Rachel, dau. of Joseph Blanchard, and rem., in 1739, to what is now the town of Merrimac, this State. He was drowned in the Merrimac river in 1744, leaving the following ch.: Joseph (1), b. Nov. 13, 1739; Jesse, b. Dec., 1741; Zebulon, who m., 1773, Sarah, dau. of Nathaniel Merriam, of Bedford, Mass., and settled in Rindge, where some of his descendants still reside.

1. JOSEPH CONVERSE, son of Joshua, and the descendant of Dea. Edward Converse, who settled in Charlestown, Mass., m.

Elizabeth Davis, d. in Chfd., Aug. 10, 1817, a. 74. May 10, 1794, (at which time he was residing in Bedford, Mass.,) he purchased a part of lot No. 7, in the 13th range. He was styled a "tanner" in the deed. He settled in this town in 1794 or '95, and lived many years on the farm previously owned and occupied by Nathaniel Bingham, situated a short distance north of the Centre Village. He d. Feb. 16, 1828, in his 89th year.

Ch.: *Betsey*, b. Mar. 7, 1763; m., 1782, Levi Mead (1); d. Dec. 4, 1842.—*Joseph* (2), b. 1765.—*Josiah*, b. 1770; m. Deborah ———, d. Apr. 14, 1810, a. 33. He d. Nov. 20, 1828.—*William*, b. 1773; m. Sarah ———, d. Dec. 30, 1831, a. 55. He d. Dec. 31, 1831.—*Mary*, b. July 13, 1777; m., 1801, John Putnam (1); d. Sept. 14, 1853.—*James*, who studied divinity with Dr. Payson, of Rindge, and was settled as a clergyman in Weathersfield, Vt.—*Joshua* (3), b. 1786.

2. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), m. Lucy ———, d. Feb. 10, 1845, a. 76. Resided in Chfd. He d. Sept. 4, 1841, a. 76.

Ch.: *Charles* (4), b. Dec. 30, 1788.—*Lucy*, m. Daniel Fletcher (3). [Perhaps *Thaddeus*, d. Oct. 30, 1807, a. 17.]

4. CHARLES, son of Joseph (2), m., 1839, Mary Adeline, dau. of Clark Streeeter (5), and who d. May 4, 1877. Farmer in Chfd., and justice of the peace many years. Selectman 1833, '34, '35; representative '36, '37. He d. Sept. 18, 1858.

Ch.: *Lewis D.*, b. May 30, 1839; m., Apr. 15, 1865, Charlotte A., dau. of Silas P. Yeager (q. v.) Dentist in Urbana, O.—*Sarah F.*, b. May 19, 1840; d. 1841.—*Schuyler*, b. July 14, 1842; unm.—*Julius C.*, b. Oct. 13, 1844; m. Gertie Henry, of Bellows Falls, Vt.—*Charles*, b. Aug. 4, 1847; m. ———. Dentist in Urbana, O.—*Eugene*, b. Aug., 1850; m. ———.—*William R.*, b. Aug. 8, 1853; m. Cora Wakefield.—*F. Stedman*, b. Jan. 30, 1856; m., Aug. 25, 1881, Ida May Armstrong, of Urbana. Dentist in N. Y. City, having graduated at the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, Mar. 4, 1881.

3. JOSHUA, son of Joseph (1), m. Joanna, dau. of Silas Hildreth (12), and who d. Apr. 4, 1841. He was a physician, and practised his profession for some time in Chfd. He d. Sept. 4, 1833.

Ch. : *George*, unm. ; res. in Jay, Essex Co., N. Y.—*Clinton*, d. in infancy, 1830.—*Mary*, b. Sept. 6, 1832 ; m., 1851, Nathaniel Webb, of Chesterfield, N. Y., now of this town. They have 5 ch. : Chas. F. C. Webb, b. Oct. 20, 1852 ; Sarah E. Webb, b. Dec. 21, 1854 ; Hattie M. Webb, b. Feb. 3, 1857 ; Geo. W. Webb, b. Mar. 7, 1858 ; Wm. A. Webb, b. Sept. 30, 1861.

CONVERSE, SAMUEL DAVIS, in Chfd. 1770 ; in Dum. 1782. Soldier in Capt. Kimball Carlton's company 1777.

COOK, BENJAMIN, b. in Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 26, 1767, m. 1st, Ann McNeil, probably dau. of William and Elizabeth (Stoddard) Hoogs, of Newton, Mass., and who d. in Chfd., Apr. 3, 1814, in her 43d year ; 2d, Mrs. Catherine Negus, of Petersham, Mass., d. in Hins., Apr. 2, 1827. He came to Chfd. about 1805, and engaged in trade at the Centre Village. Selectman 1809, '17—'19 ; representative '14—'16. He d. at Syracuse, N. Y., Apr. 5, 1838.

Ch. : *William A.*, b. Nov. 7, 1793 ; d. at Syracuse, Nov. 27, 1848.—*Nancy*, b. Feb. 3, 1795 ; m., Mar. 16, 1825, Otis Amidon (2) ; d. in Hins., Dec. 5, 1868.—*Miranda*, b. Nov. 8, 1800 ; m. Ezekiel G. Gear, and was the mother of Gov. John Henry Gear of Iowa. She d. at Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1826.—*Charles*, b. Nov. 21, 1802 ; d. at Newton, Mass., Mar., 1869.—*Elizabeth H.*, b. Mar. 28, 1808 ; d. in Chfd., May 26, 1823.

COOK.

1. ARNOLD COOK, son of David Cook, who was probably a native of R. I., m. 1st, Susy Livermore, of Jamaica, Vt., d. in Chfd., Apr. 2, 1825, a. 38 ; 2d, 1825, Thirza, dau. of John Day (2), and who d. Feb., 1867. He settled in Chfd. in 1820. He d. Mar. 5, 1833, a. 51.

Ch. : (By first marriage) *Madison*, who settled in Mich.—*Mark* (2), b. Sept. 9, 1807.—(By 2nd marriage) *Susan E.*, m. Hezekiah F. Horton, Jr., of Hins.—*Selina*, m. Wm. A. Newton, of Vernon, Vt.

2. MARK, son of Arnold (1), m., Apr. 27, 1829, Mille T., dau. of Arad Stoddard (4), and who d. Oct. 17, 1880. Farmer in Chfd. Selectman 1840, '41.



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Ch.: *Juliaett*, b. Feb. 5, 1833; m., Nov. 27, 1853, Rawson B., son of Zimri Herrick (6).—*Maria W.*, b. Dec. 12, 1834; m., Dec. 26, 1880, Newell N. Colburn (5).—*Rebecca H.*, b. Feb. 17, 1840; m., Jan., 29, 1862. Wm. C. Belding, of Swzy.—*Lucia E.*, b. Jan. 20, 1846; m., Mar. 1, 1870, David Whitcomb, Jr., of Swzy.—*Herman M.*, b. Apr. 22, 1848; m., June 19, 1876, Mary E., dau. of Geo. Cole, of Cornish.

COOLIDGE.

John Coolidge emigrated from Cambridgeshire, Eng., to Mass., and settled in Watertown, probably about 1630. From him was descended Abraham Coolidge (John¹, John², John³, Isaac⁴, Joseph⁵, Abraham⁶), b. Jan. 1, 1764. Abraham m. Sarah Hemmingway, and settled in that part of Marlboro' which is now Troy. His son Oscar (1), b. July 22, 1798, settled in Chfd.

1. OSCAR COOLIDGE, son of Abraham, of Marlboro', m., Dec. 7, 1824, Lovina, dau. of Saml. Rockwood*, of Fitzwilliam, and who was b. Apr. 20, 1800, and d. Mar. 3, 1862. For a period of about 11 years (till 1835), he was engaged in trade at the West Village. He then rem. to the Centre Village, where he continued in the same business till his death, with the exception of one year, when he was in trade at Factory Village. He also took an active part in the affairs of the town, and was selectman in '40, '41 and '50; town-clerk, '36-'38; representative '40, '41. He d. Mar. 4, 1862, having survived his wife but a few hours.

Ch.: *Herbert R.*, b. Oct. 8, 1826; d. Oct. 2, 1831.—*Henry O.* (2), b. Jan. 5, 1830.—*Helen L.*, b. May 21, 1835; d. 1836.

2. HENRY O., son of Oscar (1), m. 1st, Feb. 4, 1851, Mary E., dau. of Bradley Mead (7), and who d. July 11, 1873; 2d, Dec. 4, 1880, Emily E., dau. of Asa A. and Julia A. (Gilman) Blanchard, of West Concord.

In 1849 and '50, he engaged in trade at the Centre Village in partnership with Hon. C. J. Amidon; from '51 to '62 (excepting '54, when he was in Brat.), with his father; from '62 to '66, alone. He was also postmaster about 8 years; town-clerk from '52 to '69, with exception of the years '54 and '68; selectman

*Samuel Rockwood was a descendant, in the sixth generation, of Richard Rockwood, who came from Eng. and settled in Dorchester, Mass., in 1636, and consequently a distant relative of Elisha Rockwood (1).

'60, '61, '65-'67; representative '67. In '69, he rem. to Keene, where he now res. He is cashier of the Ashuelot National Bank of that city, and register of probate for the county of Cheshire. At the November election in '80, he was also chosen one of the representatives from Keene to the General Court. Having commenced his business career at the comparatively early age of nineteen years, his name has since been almost constantly, and ever honorably, associated with both private and public affairs.

Ch.: *Helen*, b. July 27, 1854; d. July 5, 1868.

COON, DANIEL, b. in Hudson, N. Y., May 22, 1825, came to Chfd. at the age of 7 years; unm. Farmer.

COOPER, EBENEZER, 1776—1800; AARON, 1789—1800.

CORBIN, NATHANIEL, was probably here before 1787. His wife was Keziah ———. Four ch. were recorded: *Laurana*, b. Dec. 12, 1782; *Arathusa*, b. Aug. 4, 1784; *Joseph S.*, b. Oct. 4, 1786; *Nabby*, b. July 21, 1788.

COUGHLAN, Lieut. RICHARD, was here in 1771, which year he purchased house-lot No. 11, in the 12th range, with a house and "other improvements." In 1775, he was a soldier in Capt. Hind's company, 3d N. H. Regt. His wife was Sarah ———. A dau., *Salla*, d. 1774, young. His name is not found on the tax-lists after 1798.

COVEY, JOSEPH, here in 1770.

COVEY, SAMUEL, m. Mary ———. Had a son, *Samuel*, b. June 3, 1773.

CRESSEY.

Mighill Cressey landed at Salem, Mass., with his brother William, probably in 1649. William settled in Conn. Mighill m. 1st, 1658, Mary, dau. of John Bachelder, of "Royal Side," now a part of Beverly, Mass., and who d. Aug., 1659; 2d, 1660, Mary, dau. of Mark Quilter, of Ipswich, Mass. He d. Apr., 1670. His son Mighill, b. Apr. 1, 1661, m., 1686, Sarah, dau. of Andrew Hidden, of Rowley, Mass. He d. Apr. 15, 1751. One of his children was Jonathan, b. May 11, 1695, and m. 1st, 1722, Sarah Harris; 2d, 1724, Eleanor, dau. of Michael Bartor. Three of Jonathan's children were, Michael (2), b. Aug. 10, 1728; Hepsibath, b. July 18, 1730, and m., for her second husband, Nathaniel Burnham, of Chfd.; Jonathan (3), b. May 14, 1732.



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2. MICHAEL CRESSEY, the descendant of Mighill Cressey, the emigrant, b. Aug. 10, 1728, in Littleton, Mass., m., 1752, Katharine Wetherbee, of Bolton, Mass., b. Nov. 1, 1730, and d. in Chfd., Nov. 9, 1786. In 1763, he rem. from Groton, Mass., to Chfd., and settled (probably) on the farm now owned and occupied by Newell N. Colburn. He took a prominent part in the affairs of the town, and was justice of the peace many years. He was representative 1776-78; selectman '76, '80, '87, '97. During the controversy about the N. H. Grants, he zealously espoused the cause of the N. H. party. (*See Chap. III.*) He d. Nov. 6, 1812.

Ch.: *Elizabeth*, b. June 26, 1754.—*Jonathan* (4), b. June 15, 1756.—*Annie*, b. Jan. 26, 1758.—*Moses*, b. Mar. 23, 1760; m., 1792, (at which time he was of Brat.) Hannah Parker.—*Aaron*, b. Feb. 21, 1762. Soldier 1780.—*Lois* (or *Louise*), b. Oct. 28, 1764; d. in Chfd., unm.—*Eunice*, b. Sept. 14, 1767; d. in Chfd., unm.—*Mary*, b. Feb. 26, 1770.—*Polly*, b. Aug. 16, 1774.

4. JONATHAN*, son of Michael (2), m., 1785, Lydia, dau. of Aaron and Anna Wright, of Hins., and who d. June 12, 1830. Settled in Chfd. He d. May 9, 1803.

Ch.: *Michael*, b. July 8, 1786.—*Katharine*, b. Apr. 19, 1788.—*Simeon G.*, b. May 18, 1790; d. 1791.—*Grata*, b. Mar. 12, 1793; m., 1819, Aaron Thomas (3).—*Clark*, b. Mar. 5, 1795; d. the same year.—*Wright*, b. July 9, 1798.

3. JONATHAN CRESSEY, brother of Michael Cressey (2), b. May 14, 1732, m., 1759, Anna, dau. of Benj. Davis, of Groton, Mass., and who d. in Chfd., Apr. 17, 1797, in her 56th year. He rem. from Groton to this town in 1771. He d. Apr. 26, 1824.

Ch.: *Henry*, b. Feb. 11, 1760.—*Betty*, b. Apr. 8, 1762; m., 1802, Daniel Allen.—*William*, b. Dec. 8, 1763; d. in Williamstown, Vt., unm.—*Dorcas*, b. July 15, 1766; m., 1787, Sylvanus Ballard.—*Sarah*, b. May 8, 1768; m., 1788, Benj. Ballard (q. v.); d. Mar. 8, 1803.—*Levi*, b. Apr. 1, 1770; d.

*Either Jonathan (3) or Jonathan (4) was a soldier in 1776 and '79; possibly both may have performed military service sometime during the war.

July 25, 1795, unm.—*Joseph* (5), b. 1771 or '72.—*Benjamin*,* m. Seraph Butterfield.—*Nancy*, m., 1812, Daniel Rogers.—*Lucy*, unm.; d. June 15, 1817, in her 40th year.—*Lydia*, d. unm.—*Susan*, m. ——— Walkup.

5. JOSEPH, son of Jonathan (3), m. Martha Smith, of Rutland, Mass., d. in Chfd., June 27, 1839, a. 61. Resided in Chfd. He d. Aug. 25, 1839.

Ch.: *Wm. Smith* (6), b. Nov. 14, 1803.—*Chandler A.*, b. Dec. 7, 1806; m. 1st, Mrs. Susan Wheeler; 2d, 1854, Mrs. Almira (Walker) Lord. Resided in Chfd. many years. Selectman '37, '38, '50. He d. in Wmd., July 25, 1878. Had one ch., d. in infancy.—*Parker D.* (7), b. Aug. 11, 1808.

6. WM. SMITH, son of Joseph (5), m. Martha, dau. of Fortunatus Beebe, and who d. Sept. 3, 1854, in her 51st year. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Oct. 13, 1879.

Ch.: *Emily B.*, b. Oct. 8, 1832; m., Apr. 8, 1849, George Spaulding (3); d. May 4, 1881.—*Kate*, b. May 1, 1835.—*Chandler W.*, b. June 12, 1838; m., Dec. 7, 1866, Althea L., dau. of Noyes Darling (7). Farmer in Chfd. Has 2 ch.: Minnie B., b. Mar. 21, 1873; Florence F., b. Dec. 15, 1876.—*Frances*, b. Nov. 15, 1840; d. Aug. 12, 1854.—*Henrietta D.*, b. Nov. 17, 1843; m. Edwin T. Davis. Res. in German, Penn.

7. PARKER D., son of Joseph (5), m., 1831, Mary, dau. of Barna Pratt (q. v.) Res. in Chfd. Farmer. Selectman '46, '47. From '60 to '68, he kept the tavern at the Centre Village.

Ch.: *Mary L.*, b. Mar. 15, 1833; d. Sept. 19, 1853.—*George P.*, b. Dec. 3, 1834; m. Eugenie, dau. of Thomas Frink, of Chfd.; d. in Chfd., June 26, 1862, leaving one dau., Abbie L., b. Mar. 4, 1861, and m., June 21, 1881, Robert H. Sargent, of Brat.—*Romanzo C.*, b. Feb. 6, 1837; m., 1861, Elizabeth E., dau. of Perrin Simonds, of Brat. Is a member of the firm of "Perry & Cressey," dealers in boots and shoes, at Brat. Has 2 ch.: Fred, b. May 9, 1867; Lula B., b. Apr. 14, 1871.—*Ellen M.*, b. Oct. 28, 1855; m., Dec. 15, 1876, William E., son of Reuben B. Foster (q. v.)

*See Appendix.

CROUCH.

1. JOHN CROUCH, b. about 1729, came to Chfd., from Boxboro', Mass., in 1802 or '03, and settled in the south-east quarter of the town. He m. 1st, Hannah Brown, d. in Mass.; 2d, Betsey Robbins, who came to Chfd. with him, and d. about 1814. He also d. about 1814. Five ch. came to Chfd., viz: *Hannah*, d. 1847, a. 94; unm.—*Mercy*, d. 1814, a. about 60; unm.—*Sarah*, b. 1762; m. Samuel Draper (1); d. Dec. 19, 1863, a. 101 yrs. 5 mos. 16 days!—*John* (2).—*Amos* (3), b. 1769.
2. JOHN, son of John (1), settled in Chfd. soon after his father did. After remaining here a number of years, he rem. to New York State; but finally returned to N. H., in the northern part of which he died. His wife was Lucy Willard, sister of Jesse Willard, of Dum. She was burned to death in Chfd.

Ch.: (The last three b. in Chfd.) *Isaiah*, m. Annie Witt; finally settled in N. Y. State.—*Cyrus*, m. 1st, Aseneth Bridgman; 2d, Huldah Aldrich, of Swzy.; d. in Chfd.—*Lucy*, m. Anson Alexander, and rem. to Littleton.—*Joel*, d. in Mass.—*Willard*, rem. to Maryland, N. Y.—*John*, d. in Lisbon.—*Betsey*, rem. to Maryland, N. Y.—*Mercy*, rem. to N. Y. State.

3. AMOS, son of John (1), settled in Chfd. in 1802 or '03. He m. 1st, in Mass., Lydia Brown, a native of Brookline (N. H.), d. Jan. 3, 1812, in her 39th year; 2d, Sally Brown, sister of his first wife, d. Feb. 16, 1825, a. 47; 3d, Abigail, dau. of Daniel Holbrook (1), d. 1860, a. 75. In his youth he had no opportunity to attend school; nevertheless, he learned to read, and to write his name. In his early manhood he had to contend with poverty and adversity, but by hard labor and extreme prudence succeeded in gaining some property. He was noted for his promptness in paying his debts, and with him "the 'first' of the month was always the first day." A strict observer of the Sabbath himself, he brought up his children to attend church, and would not allow them to play or visit on that day. He d. Aug. 18, 1861, a. nearly 92.

Ch.: (All by first marriage) *John* (4), b. 1796.—*Lydia*, m. Elisha Taylor, of Ashby, Mass.—*Amos* (5), b. May 25, 1800.

—*Lucy*, b. 1802; m. Aaron C. Brown (1); d. 1867.—*Clark*, b. 1804 or '05; d. Apr. 8, 1817.—*Hannah*, b. May 8, 1807; unm.—*Ephraim* (6), b. Jan. 28, 1811.

4. JOHN, son of Amos (3), m., 1817, Sarah, dau. of Samuel Draper (1), and who d. 1869. He res. at present in Swzy., having rem. from Chfd. about 1860.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Mary Ann*, b. 1817; d. 1822.—*Abram L.*, b. 1818; m. Rebecca D. Taylor, of Ashby, Mass. Rem. to Iowa in 1855, and thence to Kan., where he d. Four ch. survived him, viz: Lewis E., John E., Willie H., and Ida.—*Clark B.*, b. 1818, (twin brother of Abram L.); m. ———. Has no ch.—*Levi*, b. 1823; m. Sarah Bailey. Res. in Swzy. Has no ch.—*Mary Ann*, b. 1827; unm. Res. in Swzy.

5. AMOS, son of Amos (3), m., Sept. 25, 1822, Lucy Brown, b. in Brookline, July 24, 1799, and d. in Swzy., Apr. 14, 1873. He d. in Swzy., July 5, 1877.

Ch.: *Amos Clark*, b. in Chfd., Oct. 7, 1827; m. 1st, Nov. 4, 1857, Huldah A., dau. of Asa Phillips, of Peru, Vt., and who d. Dec. 22, 1877; 2d, Martha A., dau. of Amherst Lewis (2). Res. in Swzy. Has one ch., Nellie, b. July 12, 1864.

6. EPHRAIM, son of Amos (3), m., Feb. 15, 1832, Eunice, dau. of Samuel Draper (1). Res. in Swzy., having rem. from Chfd. in 1871 or '72.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Eunice Semira*, b. June 4, 1833.—*Ephm. Augustus*, b. Oct. 18, 1835; unm. Res. in Swzy.—*Fohn Luman*, b. Apr. 6, 1839; m., Sept. 7, 1865, Elmina Tarbox, of Nelson. Res. in Swzy. Has 3 ch.: Elsie E., b. Oct. 11, 1867; George L., b. June 7, 1870; Charles A., b. Jan. 18, 1873.

CROWNINSHIELD.

1. JOHN CROWNINSHIELD came from Guilford, Vt., and settled in Chfd. about 1808, on the farm on which his son Comfort now lives. His wife was Sally Stevens. He d. in 1835 or '36.

Ch.: *Daniel*, m. Barsina, dau. of Oliver Hubbard (4); d. in Chfd.—*James*, m. Theda Fuller, of R. I.; d. in Ohio.—*Caleb*, m. Sally Thomas, of Hins.; d. in Brat.—*Fohn*, unm.—*Hannah*, b. Nov. 10, 1809; unm.—*Comfort* (2), b. Apr. 14, 1811.—*Sally*, unm.; res. in Ohio.

2. COMFORT, son of John (1), m. 1st, Laura, dau. of Nathan Rugg; 2d, 1847, Mrs. Olive (Butler) Pushaw, of Hins. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: (All by first marriage) *Harriet A.*, m. Seymour Butler, of Hins.—*Jane E.*, unm.; d. Sept., 1872, a. 38.—*George H.*, m. Mary J., dau. of Amherst Lewis (2). Res. in Hins.—*Levi W.*, b. Sept. 11, 1839; m., Apr. 27, 1869, Mrs. Mary S. Crowninshield, of Grafton, Vt., dau. of Heman and Mary (Gilson) Daggett. Res. in Chfd.

CUTLER, WILLIAM, 1792—between 1807 and '12.

DABY (or DARBY), THOMAS, from Harvard, Mass., purchased in Chfd., Nov. 7, 1771; house-lot No. 8, in the 9th range, and probably settled on the same soon after. He is said to have been a gunsmith. His wife was Mary ———. His name disappears about 1804. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Lydia*, b. Oct. 30, 1776; *Asa*, b. Jan. 16, 1782. It is possible that the following were also his sons: *Oliver*, *Elnathan*, and *John*.

DANIELS, ADDINGTON, perhaps from Keene, appears to have remained in Chfd. but a short time. His wife was Elizabeth ———, and he had a son, *Addington*, b. Aug. 31, 1786.

DANIELS.

1. JOHN DANIELS was in Chfd. in 1787. He m. 1st, ———; 2d, Zipporah ———. His name disappears about 1800.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *Leonard*, b. Dec. 5, 1780.—*Charles F.* (2), b. Mar. 8, 1783.—*Fohn*, b. Apr. 17, 1785; d. 1787.—*Lois*, b. July 27, 1787.—*Fohn*, b. May 8, 1790.—(By 2d marriage) *Sally*, b. Dec. 24, 1792.—*Joseph W.*, b. July 8, 1795.

2. CHARLES F., son of John (1), m. 1st, Judith Babbitt, of Wmd.; 2d, Wid. ——— Kendrick; 3d, 1837, Annas, dau. of Stephen Streeter (1), and who d. Apr. 3, 1870. He d. in Chfd., Mar. 9, 1866.

Ch.: (All by 2d marriage) *Charles*, d. unm.—*Wm. Marshall*, d. unm. He was a soldier in the Mexican War.—*Fohn*, m. ——— Churchill.—*Judith B.*, m. 1st, Seth Heaton, of Keene; 2d, Addison Woodcock, of Swzy.; 3d, John Lawrence, of Roxbury.

DARLING.

- I. JOHN DARLING, from Winchendon, Mass., purchased in Chfd., Feb. 17, 1778, lot No. 3, in the 8th range. This lot appears to have included a part of what is now known as "Barrett Hill." He had, at least, two brothers—Jewett and Calvin. Jewett was in Chfd. in 1781, but appears to have remained only a few years. Calvin is said to have married a lady in Boston, and to have removed to Canada, whence he finally returned, after having been supposed dead for many years.

John was one of the party that made the famous march to Quebec in 1775, under command of Benedict Arnold, through the wilderness of Maine. On this march the men suffered extremely from cold and hunger. John used to relate that, having one day found the leg of a dog that had been killed for food, he scorched off the hair and ate every morsel of flesh and skin that he could get from it. He declared that he never ate anything in his life that tasted better! At one time, while in the army, he came near dying of small-pox. He probably settled in Chfd. soon after buying his land, he and his wife (according to a tradition in the family) coming from Winchendon on foot. He m. 1st, Sarah Blood, of Groton, Mass., d. June 6, 1804, a. 49; 2d, Wid. Lydia Baker, of Wmd., d. Sept. 9, 1815, a. 52; 3d, 1815, Wid. Mary Taylor, dau. of Rev. Abraham Wood (1).

At an early period he built the large two-story house, situated on the road from the Centre Village to Winchester, long known as the "yellow house." He was an active, enterprising man, and at one time owned an extensive tract of timber-land in the "Winchester woods," from which he cut large quantities of lumber, sawing it in a mill erected for that purpose, then drawing it to the Connecticut and rafting it down to Hartford. He d. Mar. 28, 1824, in his 73d year.

Ch.: *John* (2), b. Dec. 17, 1778, (perhaps in Winchendon).—*Nahum* (3), b. Aug. 22, 1781.—*Montgomery* (4), b. Apr. 8, 1785.—*Darius*, b. June 26, 1787; m., 1824, Sophira Taylor. He rem. to Ind. probably about 1830.—*Boynton* (5), b. Jan. 23, 1790.—*Sarah*, b. Sept. 23, 1791; m., 1826, Warren

White (2) ; d. Feb. 8, 1873.—*Mary Ann*, b. Apr. 31, 1794 ; d. Feb. 2, 1818.—*Louis*, b. Jan. 2, 1796 ; m., 1827, Stafford H. Pettee (q. v.) ; d. Apr. 19, 1866.—(By 2d marriage) *Miranda*, m., 1822, Ebenezer, son of Ebenezer Scott (1).—(By 3d marriage) *Heliann*.—*Joseph*, d. in Orleans, Orange Co., Ind., Jan. 7, 1840, a. 20 years 5 months.

2. JOHN, son of John (1), m. Nancy Norcross, of Rindge, d. Oct. 14, 1862. Resided in Chfd. He d. Dec. 3, 1862.

Ch.: *Fannie*, b. 1806 ; d. Jan. 27, 1874, unm.—*Charles* (6), b. 1808.—*Louisa*, d. Oct. 11, 1831, a. 22.—*Noyes* (7), b. Apr. 3, 1812.—*Ann Maria*, b. 1814 ; d. Nov. 30, 1874, unm.—*George W.*, b. Nov. 18, 1818 ; unm. Res. in Chfd.—*John H.*, d. May 1, 1828, in infancy.

6. CHARLES, son of John (2), m. Joanna, dau. of Nathaniel Hildreth (13), and who d. Mar. 31, 1864. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Porter C.*, b. Jan. 17, 1836 ; unm.—*Ellen B.*, b. Apr. 15, 1837 ; unm.—*Sarah F.*, b. Sept., 1838 ; d. Apr., 1840.—*Julia Ann*, b. June 4, 1840 ; m., Oct. 4, 1864, Russell H. Davis (9).—*John R.*, b. Aug. 2, 1842 ; m., in Brat., Emma Baker ; d. in the same town, Apr. 29, 1870.—*Ellery A.*, b. Nov. 26, 1844 ; d. Jan. 24, 1863.—*Martha F.*, b. Dec. 22, 1846 ; m. Hubbard Weatherhead, of Guilford, Vt. ; d. in Hins., Mar. 21, 1880.—*Norman N.*, b. Jan. 15, 1849 ; m. Sabrina Prouty, of Marlboro, Vt.—*Emma L.*, b. Mar. 18, 1851.

7. NOYES, son of John (2), m., Mar. 31, 1840, Aurilla, dau. of Nathaniel Hildreth (13). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Cornelia M.*, b. Jan. 16, 1841 ; m., Sept. 18, 1858, George H., son of Asa Marsh (3).—*Althea L.*, b. May 7, 1846 ; m., Dec. 11, 1866, Chandler W., son of Wm. Smith Cressey (6).—*Henry N.*, b. July 9, 1847 ; m., Dec. 8, 1868, Emily J., dau. of George Atherton (8) ; d. in Chfd., Dec. 8, 1872.

3. NAHUM, son of John (1), m. Betsey Goodridge, of Winchendon, Mass., d. Aug. 15, 1833, in her 54th year. Resided in Chfd. He d. in 1859.

Ch.: *Calvin G.*, b. Oct. 5, 1809 ; d. 1810.—*Betsey A. G.*, b. Dec. 21, 1810 ; d. 1811.—*Betsey G.*, b. Oct. 8, 1812 ; m.,

Apr. 7, 1836, Elliott Stearns, of Hins., where she res.—*Caroline F.*, b. Apr. 23, 1815; m., May 17, 1838, John C. Dale, of Dorchester, Mass., where she res.—*Larkin B.*, b. May 20, 1817; d. Jan. 29, 1837, at West Boylston, Mass.—*Mary Ann M.*, b. Aug. 3, 1819; m., June 28, 1838, Elbridge G. Horton, of Hins., where she res.

4. MONTGOMERY, son of John (1), m., 1810, Achsah, dau. of Martin Hildreth (6). Resided in Chfd. Soldier 1814. (*See p. 110.*) He d. Nov. 22, 1831.

Ch.: *Sophia*, m. 1st, 1831, Addison Wheeler; 2d, Russell Hildreth.—*Gilman*, m. Mary, dau. of Solomon Clark (1), and who d. Jan. 14, 1863. Farmer in Chfd. Has no ch.—*Nancy*, m. 1st, Charles, son of Lotan Hildreth (7); 2d, ——— Goddard, of Worcester, Mass.; 3d, Thomas Frink, of Chfd.; 4th, July 11, 1875, George B., son of Daniel Harvey (5).—*Clarissa A.*, m. Seneca Thomas, of Worcester, Mass.—*Elizabeth*, m. ——— Harris, of So. Vernon, Vt.—*Lorenzo D.*, d. in Worcester, Mass., a. about 20.

5. BOYNTON, son of John (1), m. Nancy B., dau. of Jewett Darling, brother of John (1). She was b. in Winchendon, Mass., and d. in Chfd., Mar. 24, 1872, a. 79. Boynton d. in Chfd., Aug. 16, 1857.

Ch.: *Jewett*, m., 1866, Harriet M., dau. of Oliver Atherton (5). Farmer in Chfd. Has no ch.—*Calvin G.* (8).—*William M.*, m. 1st, ———; 2d, Eleanor Hill; 3d, May 6, 1878, Elsie J. Whittier. Res. in Chfd.

8. CALVIN G., son of Boynton (5), m., June 3, 1847, Sybil D., dau. of Kendall Davis (3). Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Frank E.*, b. Mar. 11, 1850; unm.; accidentally killed on the railroad between Selma, Ala., and Meridian, Miss., Apr. 23, 1878. Was engineer at the time of his death.—*Ella S.*, b. Mar. 4, 1852; m., June 22, 1871, John F., son of Joseph C. Goodrich (2).—*Grace A.*, b. Aug. 25, 1856; m., Feb. 2, 1881, Wallace K. Ware, formerly of Wmd., now of Boston.

DAVENPORT.

Thomas Davenport, who d. Nov. 9, 1685, had nine children, one of whom was Charles, d. Feb. 1, 1720. Charles (*First*) also had nine children, one of

whom was Charles, b. in Dorchester, Mass., Feb. 15, 1700, and m., May 31, 1722, Jemima Tolman. The children of Charles (*Second*) and Jemima, were ten in number, of whom one was Charles, b. Mar. 5, 1730. Charles (*Third*) m., Apr. 16, 1755, at Worcester, Mass., Mary Hart, b. Mar. 7, 1732, and d. June 22, 1830, a. 98. He settled in Dum. between 1763 and '66, where he d. Apr. 25, 1805. He had ten children, viz: Elizabeth, m. Fairbanks Moore; Mary, m. John Miller; Jemima, m. Joseph Gilbert; Charles (1), b. May 4, 1761; James Hart, d. Nov. 25, 1780; Thomas and Catherine, twins, the former of whom d. in infancy, and the latter m. Benj. Alvord; John, d. somewhere in the West; Sally, m. Stephen Cummings; Susanna, m. Cyrus Hill. The first five were b. in Worcester, the rest in Dum.

1. CHARLES DAVENPORT (*Fourth*), the descendant of Thomas, as related above, m. Polly Wood, b. Dec. 12, 1765, and settled in Dum.

Ch.: *Lydia*, b. Nov. 14, 1783.—*Polly*, b. Nov. 14, 1785.—*James H.*, b. Sept. 12, 1788.—*Charles* (2), b. Apr. 7, 1791.—*Susan*, b. Dec. 6, 1793.—*William*, b. May 3, 1796; d. 1797.—*William*, b. June 22, 1798.—*Fanny*, b. Nov. 26, 1800.—*Samuel F.* (or *I*), b. Feb. 19, 1803.—*John*, b. Nov. 25, 1805.—*Sendona*, b. Jan. 9, 1808.

2. CHARLES (*Fifth*), son of Charles (1), m. Lydia Kathan, d. in Chfd. Dec. 8, 1862. He lived in Dum. many years, but d. in Chfd., Aug. 12, 1862.

Ch.: *Charles* (3), b. Apr. 7, 1813.—*Adaline*, b. Sept. 6, 1814; m., Sept. 30, 1834, Parker Farr (6).—*George* (4), b. 1816.—*Wm. Riley*, m. Laura, dau. of Daniel Attridge; settled in Buchanan, Mich.—*Austin A.*, b. 1820; m. 1st, Henrietta Chase; 2d, Martha Archer. Res. in Grafton, Vt.—*Elvira P.*, m. Oscar Hadley, of Dum.; res. in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.—*Ferusha A.*, b. Feb. 27, 1825; m., 1846, Emroy H. Colburn (q. v.); d. Oct. 6, 1856.—*Eliza F.*, b. May 10, 1827; m. 1st, Asa Stoddard (q. v.); 2d, Thomas Toby, of Guilford, Vt.—*Martha E.*, b. Mar. 2, 1832; m., June 30, 1859, Emroy H. Colburn (q. v.)—*James N.*, d. in infancy.

3. CHARLES (*Sixth*), son of Charles (2), m. Hephzibah, dau. of Nathaniel Amidon (2), and who d. in Wmd., Dec. 27, 1865.

Ch.: *Sarah A.*, b. Dec. 20, 1836; m., Nov. 29, 1868, Artemas H., son of Bethuel Field (2).—*Lydia A.*, b. Aug. 23, 1838; m. 1st, Ebenezer Andrews (2); 2d, Frank A. Fuller.—

Eliza F., b. Feb. 5, 1840; m. 1st, Alonzo Kathan, of Day, N. Y.; 2d, Mar. 13, 1871, David B. Plympton, of Chfd.—*Charles R.*, b. June 8, 1841; m., Nov. 29, 1868, Maria, dau. of Lewis Leach, of Wmd.—*Ellen A.*, b. Sept. 14, 1843; m., Oct. 31, 1865, Hosea B., son of Clark Streeter (5).—*John Riley*, b. May 14, 1846; m. Lizzie Chase, of the State of New York; accidentally killed by a circular saw, in Chfd., Nov. 21, 1878.—*Avilda R.*, b. Oct. 29, 1848; m. Bradley J. Leach, of Wmd.

4. GEORGE, son of Charles (2), m., 1840, Roxana, dau. of Eleazer Randall (5). He d. in Chfd, Sept. 10, 1867, a. 51, but had lived a number of years in Wmd.

Ch.: *Edgar*, b. May 29, 1842; m., July 4, 1868, Jennie E., dau. of Romanzo W. Thompson (10). Farmer in Chfd. Has 6 ch.: Helen M., b. Apr. 22, 1869; Lillian J., b. Feb. 12, 1871; Annabel P., b. Nov. 27, 1873; Nora G., b. July 29, 1875; George E., b. July 10, 1877; Frederick R., b. May 14, 1879.—*Helen M.*, b. Oct. 7, 1843; d. Mar. 22, 1858.

DAVIS, Capt. SIMON, from Greenwich, Mass., was one of the earliest settlers of Chfd. Apr. 13, 1762, he purchased the whole of Simon Stone's right, or share, in this township; and about one year later that of Wm. Dean. He appears to have lived in the western part of the town, near the river road. His wife's name was Abigail* ———. Selectman 1767. He probably d. in 1784 or '85. It appears quite probable that he was the father of Capt. *Isaac Davis* (1), and he may have had another son, *Simon*, m., 1788, Deborah Rice.

DAVIS, EZEKIEL, was in Chfd. in 1770. In the spring of 1775, he enlisted in Capt. Hind's company, 3d N. H. Regt. His name disappears before 1787.

DAVIS, JAMES, was one of the signers of the Association Test, in Chfd., in 1776. No further record respecting him.

DAVIS, JOSEPH, was in Chfd. in 1770. His first wife was Elizabeth ———; he probably m. 2d, 1786, Margaret Richardson. He appears to have d. in 1792 or '93. Only one ch. was recorded, *Dolly*, b. Mar. 3, 1766.

*It is possible that this was not the name of his first wife, as a Simon Davis m. in Chfd., in 1778, Abigail Chapman.

DAVIS, ELIAS, may have been in Chfd. in 1772, but appears to have remained only a short time. His wife was Bethniah ———. One ch. was recorded, *Elias*, b. Feb. 16, 1772.

DAVIS, THOMAS, from Petersham, Mass., settled in Chfd. probably before 1785. His wife was Chrischena ———. It has not been ascertained whether he d. in Chfd. or not.

Ch. : *Elijah*, b. Jan. 30, 1775 ; m., 1800, Temperance Ladd. — *Thomas*, b. Nov. 15, 1777 ; m., 1804, Emma, dau. of Benj. Haskell (q. v.) — *Sarah*, b. Apr. 25, 1780. — *Levisa*, b. Apr. 18, 1782. — *Roswell*, b. Feb. 18, 1785 ; m., 1806, Clarissa Putnam. — *Polly*, b. July 31, 1791 ; d. 1794.

DAVIS, ELEAZER, from Sterling, Mass., settled in Chfd. in 1795. His wife was probably Elizabeth ———. He d. Nov. 16, 1825, a. 62. Had no ch.

DAVIS, SOLOMON, was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Elizabeth ———, d. Mar. 7, 1832, a. 75. He d. Jan. 28, 1812, a. 55. A son, *Martin*, d. Oct. 10, 1807, in his 17th year. Another son, *Levi*, was a tanner in Chfd.

DAVIS, SAMUEL, settled in Chfd. as early as 1766. There are reasons for believing that he was the son of Samuel Davis, of Lunenburgh, Mass., who was probably one of the grantees of Chfd. He owned much land in Chfd., at different times, having possession, at one time, of a part of the "Governor's farm." (For the part that he took in the controversy about the "N. H. Grants," and for an account of his attempt to break up the inferior court at Keene, see Chap. III.) He m., 1766, Lydia Davis, of this town, d. Dec. 16, 1771, in her 26th year. Soldier 1777. He probably rem. from the town about 1790. Three ch. were recorded : *Simeon*, b. Aug. 25, 1766. — *Levi*, b. Jan. 8, 1768. — *Samuel*, b. Apr. 13, 1770 ; m., 1792, Abigail Clark.

DAVIS.

1. JONAS DAVIS was in Wmd. in 1762, and in Chfd. in '67. He may have been the brother of Samuel Davis (q. v.), and a relative of Amos Davis (1). June 28, 1771, he purchased of Wm. Davis, of Putney, "Cumberland* Co., N. Y.," lot No.

*Now Windham county, Vt. At the time the deed was given, New York claimed jurisdiction as far eastward as the Connecticut.

10, in the 13th range, in this town. He m. 1st, Rebecca —, d. in Wmd., Jan. 19, 1762; 2d, Elizabeth —; 3d, 1798, Mrs. Sally Kallicut. He rem. about 1805 to Wardsboro, Vt.

Ch.: (So far as known) *Reuben*, b. Aug. 13, 1761; m., 1782, Damaris Gilbert.—*Zephaniah* (2), b. Apr. 5, 1764.—*Rachel*, b. Sept. 29, 1767; d. June 6, 1794, unm.—*Elizabeth*, b. May 8, 1773; d. Mar. 9, 1795, unm.—*Rebecca*, b. Aug. 4, 1775; d. 1776 or '77.—*Hannah*, b. Apr. 27, 1781.—(By last marriage) *Kendall* (3), b. about 1801.

2. ZEPHANIAH, son of Jonas (1), m., 1789, Submit, dau. of Elkanah Haven (q. v.), and who was b. in Framingham, Mass., June 28, 1767. His name disappears between 1806 and '12.

Ch.: *Orrie* (?), b. Apr. 16, 1790.—*Lucinda*, b. Apr. 24, 1792.—*Rachel*, b. 1794; d. 1795.—*Betsey*, b. May 8, 1796; d. 1798.—*John*, b. June 5, 1800.—*Roswell*, b. Sept. 14, 1802.—*Mooney*, b. 1805.

3. KENDALL, son of Jonas (1), m. Maria D., dau. of Benj. Cressey, of Chfd., and who d. in Broomfield, Ind., Feb. 19, 1874, a. 66. He d. in Chfd. July, 1849, a. about 48.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Caroline C.*, m. Clark Bailey, of Swzy., where she d. Mar. 31, 1862.—*Sibyl D.*, b. Jan. 3, 1829; m., June 3, 1847, Calvin G. Darling (8).—*Harriet A.*, m. Clark Bailey, of Swzy.—*Wm. Riley*, unm; d. in Chfd., June 9, 1856, a. about 23.—*Angelia M.*, m. 1st, Edward Buckner, of Worthington, Ind.; 2d, James Cravens, of Broomfield, Ind.—*Alonzo B.*, unm. He was a physician, but in 1862 he joined the Union army as captain in the 116th Regt. Ill. volunteers. He d. at Worthington, Ind., Nov., 1863, from the effect of injuries received in the army.—*Seraph G.*, b. July 22, 1843; d. Feb. 19, 1844.

DAVIS.

1. Capt. ISAAC DAVIS* settled in Chfd. between 1770 and '73. His wife was Elizabeth —. He d. Nov. 28, 1776. In the decree of distribution of his estate, the following ch. were

*According to the probate records of Cheshire Co., Jacob Davis, probably the son of Capt. Isaac Davis, was the grandson of Capt. Simon Davis (q. v.) This being the case, Capt. Isaac was, of course, the son of Capt. Simon.

mentioned: *Jonathan* (2), *Jacob* (3), *Isaac*, *Joel*, *Lucy*, *Femima*, *Elizabeth*, *Susanna*, *Eunice* (b. May 23, 1771); *Abigail*, (b. May 8, 1777.) According to the town records there were two ch. that d. in infancy, viz: *Lydia*, b. May 16, 1773, and d. 1774; *Hannah*, b. July 30, 1775, and d. 1777.

2. JONATHAN, oldest son of Capt. Isaac (1), m., 1775, Rebecca Peacock, and settled in Chfd. He d. Mar. 22, 1799, in his 46th year.

Ch.: *Asenath*, b. Dec. 29, 1775.—*Isaac*, b. Jan. 16, 1778; m., 1804, *Lydia*, dau. of David Stoddard (2), and who d. 1832. Resided in Chfd. He d. Nov. 10, 1827. Had no ch.—*Osborn* (4), b. Sept. 17, 1779.—*Susanna*, b. Feb. 20, 1781; m., 1801, David Stoddard (3).—*Roswell* (5), b. Feb. 3, 1784.—*Jacob* and *Lucy*, b. Apr. 5, 1786.—*Clarissa*, b. May 17, 1788; m., 1808, Henry Barrett, of Hins.—*Jonathan* (6), b. June 12, 1791.—*Sally*, m., 1816, Eleazer Stoddard (8); d. June 14, 1864, a. 68.

4. OSBORN, son of Jonathan (2), m., 1803, Olive Stoddard. d. Jan., 1843. Settled in Northern Vt., where he d. Oct. 31, 1841.

Ch.: (First four b. in Waterford, Vt., the rest in Sutton, Vt.) *Laura*, b. Oct. 27, 1805; d. a. 25, unm.—*Thirza*, b. Oct. 31, 1806; m. Samuel Farr (4); d. Apr., 1867.—*Eleazer*, b. Feb. 19, 1809; m. 1st, Diana Stoddard; 2d, Delia E. —. Res. in Burke, Vt.—*Lucy*, b. July 28, 1810; m. Geo. Hudson.—*Clarissa*, b. Aug. 22, 1812; d. a. 22, unm.—*Girzilda* and *Matilda*, b. Feb. 16, 1815. *Girzilda* m. 1st, Chas. Hudson; 2d, Horace B. Root. *Matilda* m. Clifton C. Stoddard.—*Jonathan*, b. Apr. 27, 1818; m. Almira Stoddard.

5. ROSWELL, son of Jonathan (2), m. Mercy, dau. of Paul Church, Esq., of Athol, Mass., and settled in Waterford, Vt. He d. Dec., 1855.

Ch.: *Esther*, d. in infancy.—*Miranda*, d. a. about 25, unm.—*Paul C.*, m. Miranda Taplin, of Norwich, Vt.; res. at No. Andover Depot, Mass.—*Phidelia*, m. Ira Whipple, of Waterford.—*Philemon*, m. Veſty Bridge, of Lexington, Mass.; res. in Boston.—*Marshall*, m. Sarah Churchill, of N. Y. City; d. July 15, 1860.—*Van Rensselaer*, m. Kate Schoff, of No. Stratford, where he res.

6. JONATHAN, son of Jonathan (2), m., 1815, Belinda, dau. of Shadrach Herrick (1), and who d. in Newark, Vt., Sept. 12, 1866. He d. in Newark, May 5, 1868.

Ch.: *Eliza M.*, b. in Wincr., Aug. 23, 1816; m. Reuben Wright. Res. in Northfield, Mass.—*Lysander*, b. in Chfd., May 9, 1819; m. 1st, Cynthia Hudson; 2d, Mary Ham. He d. in Sutton, Vt., Nov. 19, 1875.—*Philander*, b. in Lyman, Oct. 17, 1821; m., Sept. 24, 1845, Zillah Kibby. He d. in Westmore, Vt., Aug. 22, 1876.—*Anna M.*, b. in Hins., Nov. 21, 1822; m., Feb. 14, 1848, Marshall W. Stoddard. Res. at West Burke, Vt.—*Fuliette*, b. in Chfd., Feb. 5, 1824; d. in infancy.—*Leander*, b. in Langdon, Sept. 24, 1826; m., 1853, Mary Jacobs. He was a soldier in the Union army, and d. in the rebel prison at Danville, Va., Feb. 1, 1865.—*Alonzo*, b. in Langdon, July 6, 1829; m., 1852, Emily Gilfillian. Res. in Canada.—*Fuliette*, b. in Walpole, Apr. 27, 1832; committed suicide by hanging, Apr. 6, 1865, in Newark.—*Arabell P.*, b. in Newark, Nov. 13, 1834; m., Nov. 13, 1852, Frank T. Holder. Res. in Yonkers, N. Y.—*Ralph H.*, b. in Burke, Vt., Apr. 18, 1837; m., June 7, 1857, Mary Forest. Res. in Newark.—*Charles M.*, b. in Newark, Mar. 23, 1842; m., Nov. 14, 1865, Ella M., dau. of Oliver H. Safford (5). Res. at present at West Lebanon. Mail-agent between Springfield, Mass., and White River Junction, Vt.

3. JACOB, son of Capt. Isaac (1), m. Lucy, dau. of Josiah Hastings (3). Lucy d. before Apr. 25, 1781, as a sister, b. at that date, was named after her. Soldier 1775. He appears to have d. in 1781.

Ch.: *Eli*, b. Apr. 29, 1779.—*Abigail*, b. Oct. 10, 1780.

DAVIS.

1. AMOS DAVIS, b. Sept. 2, 1732, came from Wmd., and settled in Chfd., in or before 1770. He was probably the son of Amos Davis, who was one of the proprietors of Wmd. Sept. 10, 1760, Amos Davis, Sen., conveyed to Amos Davis, Jr., (both of Wmd.), a considerable tract of land in that town. Inasmuch as the Amos Davis who settled in Chfd. is known with certainty to have come from Wmd., it is very probable

that he was the Amos Davis, Jr., to whom the above-mentioned land was conveyed. He m., Apr. 14, 1757, Sarah Metcalf, b. Jan. 5, 1737, and d. Feb. 11, 1812. He probably settled about one mile west of the Centre Village, on what is now known as the "Drury," or "Dunklee, farm." He d. Aug. 1, 1794.

Ch.: *Amos* (2), b. Nov. 20, 1758.—*Phebe*, b. Dec. 29, 1759; m., 1779, Jacob Farr (q. v.); d. Jan. 23, 1794.—*Ezra* (3), b. Nov. 9, 1761.—*Sarah*, b. Nov. 17, 1763; m., 1781, Samuel Stearns (3); d. June 22, 1805.—*John* (4), b. Nov. 16, 1765.—*Hammond*, b. Jan. 24, 1768; m., 1789, Huldah Shattuck. Rem. to Crown Point, N. Y., where he d. Mar. 13, 1813.—*Abijah*, b. May 17, 1770; d. Feb. 14, 1813.—*Calvin*, b. Apr. 12, 1772; m., 1794, Nabby Gowen. Rem. to the vicinity of Crown Point. He d. in Moriah, N. Y.—*Melitia*, b. June 3, 1774; d. Feb. 26, 1788.—*Hannah*, b. Dec. 26, 1776.—*Michael*, b. Apr. 29, 1779; m., 1800, Anna Hayward. Rem. to Mount Holly, Vt., where he d. July 8, 1854.

2. AMOS, son of Amos (1), m., 1784, Polly Farr. He may have rem. to Shoreham, Vt., probably about 1810.

Ch.: *Elijah*, b. Apr. 18, 1785; m. Margaret, dau. of Artemas Witt (1); d. Mar. 9, 1813.—*Polly*, b. Dec. 30, 1786; m., 1807, Arad Stoddard (4).—*David*, b. Aug. 24, 1789.—*Mille* (*Melitia*), b. June 30, 1791; m., 1805, Abel Stockwell (2).—*Clarissa*, b. Feb. 20, 1793; m. Leonard, son of Lotan Hildreth (7); d. June 8, 1852.—*Betsey*, b. May 21, 1795; m. twice.—*William Arnold*, b. July 27, 1798; settled in Mich.—*Sally*, b. Aug. 10, 1800; m., 1821, Abel Stoddard (9); d. Sept. 22, 1876.—*Willard*, b. Dec. 19, 1802; d. Oct. 1, 1821.—*West*, b. June 5, 1805; d. at Crown Point, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1846.—*Warren A.*, b. June 24, 1807; d. in Mich., Jan. 29, 1862.—*Bradley*, b. Aug. 12, 1810.

3. EZRA, son of Amos (1), m., 1782, Amy, dau. of Warren Snow (2), and who d. Feb. 25, 1842. Resided in Chfd., on the farm now owned and occupied by his grandson, John W. Davis. He d. Aug. 23, 1840.

Ch.: *Persis*, b. July 9, 1783; m. 1st, 1799, Maner Smith (9); 2d, Joseph Prentice (2); d. Aug. 23, 1863.—*Darius* (5), b. Nov. 6, 1785.—*Russell* (6), b. Dec. 20, 1787.—*Fanny*,

b. Mar. 13, 1790; m., 1810, Allen Lincoln, of Westminster, Vt.; d. Sept. 5, 1849.—*Amy*, b. July 7, 1792; m. 1st, 1815, Daniel Clark (3); 2d, 1833, Ezra Chapin, of Winhall, Vt.; d. June 7, 1834.—*Ezra*, b. Oct. 18, 1794; m. Betsey Walker, of Wmd. He was a tanner by trade, and rem. first to Windham, Vt.; thence to Londonderry, Vt., from which town he rem. to Mansfield, Penn., where some of his ch. still live. He d. July 6, 1858.

5. DARIUS, son of Ezra (3), m., 1805, Lois, dau. of Benj. Smith (6), and who d. in Stockholm, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1869. He d. in Parishville, N. Y., Apr. 8, 1854.

Ch.: *Orason*, b. in Chfd., May 25, 1805; m. 1st, at Crown Point, N. Y., Sarah Murdock; 2d, Emeline Benedict, of the same town; d. Mar. 30, 1870, in P. Q.—*Benj. Smith*, b. May 31, 1810; m. 1st, 1830, at Crown Point, Caroline Heustis; 2d, Charlotte Goodrich. Res. in Albion, Mich.—*Laura Snow*, b. in Danby, Vt., Feb. 10, 1812; m. 1st, 1831, Jerome Bishop; 2d, John Laird. Res. in Utah.—*Mary Ann*, b. at Crown Point, Sept. 18, 1815; m., 1831, Albert Foster; d. in Jackson, Mich., Nov. 3, 1845.—*Miriam*, b. at Crown Point, Dec. 18, 1817; m., May 1, 1845, Wm. H. Colt, d. in Kan. in 1856. She now res. in Stockholm, N. Y.—*Hiram R.*, b. at Crown Point, Jan. 28, 1820; m., 1846, H. Louise Burnap. Res. in Stockholm.—*Louisa*, b. in Addison, Vt.; m., 1841, Warren Briggs, of Ft. Covington, N. Y.—*Warren*, b. at Crown Point, May 24, 1830; d. Aug. 30, 1835.

6. RUSSELL, son of Ezra (3), m., 1814, Thirza, dau. of John Veazey, of Wmd., and who was b. Mar. 23, 1788, and d. Aug. 23, 1845. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Oct. 22, 1859.

Ch.: *Elijah V.*, b. July 11, 1816; d. in Chfd., May 12, 1859, unm.—*Charles M.* (7), b. Apr. 11, 1818.—*John W.* (8), b. Sept. 26, 1822.—*Russell Hammond* (9), b. Aug. 9, 1824.—*Mary Adaline*, b. 1827; m. Wm. Clark (4); d. July 25, 1868.—*Ezra H.* (10), b. Sept. 28, 1829.

7. CHARLES M., son of Russell (6), m., Mar. 9, 1842, Deborah H., dau. of Jona. Cobleigh (2). He d. in Chfd., June 30, 1849.

Ch.: *Murray*, b. Dec. 16, 1845; m., June 6, 1866, Elvira E., dau. of Parker Farr (6). Res. in Chfd. Farmer, and justice of the peace. Selectman 1870-'73, '78 to the present time; representative '81. Has 2 ch.: Frank M., b. Dec. 29, 1868; Celia E., b. Feb. 7, 1877.—*Charles M.*, b. Nov. 14, 1849; m. 1st, Nov. 21, 1871, Clara M., dau. of Amos R. Hubbard (11), and who d. Mar. 16, 1879; 2d, Mar. 3, 1881, Harriet N., dau. of Alfred Farr (8). Farmer in Chfd. Has 1 ch. living, Burton C., b. June 7, 1875.

8. JOHN W., son of Russell (6), m., Nov. 28, 1845, Luranna M. Gunn, of Montague, Mass., b. Dec. 14, 1819, and d. Mar. 19, 1880. Res. in Chfd. Farmer. Selectman '68, '69, '74.

Ch.: *Samantha*, b. Mar. 10, 1848; d. July 18, 1866.—*Thirza Ann*, b. Mar. 1, 1849; m., Jan. 3, 1870, Geo. P. Hutchins. Has 2 ch.: John D. Hutchins, b. Jan. 27, 1872; Emma L. Hutchins, b. Aug. 6, 1873.

9. RUSSELL H., son of Russell (6), m. 1st, June 19, 1854, Julia M., dau. of Epa and Eunice (Campbell) Cone, of Putney, Vt., and who d. Mar. 14, 1855, a. 22; 2d, Mar. 5, 1857, Susan L., sister of the first wife, and who d. Jan. 31, 1858, a. 20; 3d, Oct. 4, 1864, Julia Ann, dau. of Charles Darling (6). Res. in Chfd. Farmer. Supervisor '78 to '80.

Ch.: *Julia Lucretia*, b. Jan. 2, 1858.—*Geo. Hammond*, b. Feb. 3, 1869.—*Susan M.*, b. May 16, 1870; d. Apr. 8, 1873.

10. EZRA H., son of Russell (6), m., July 5, 1858, Harriet H., dau. of Epa and Eunice (Campbell) Cone, of Putney, Vt. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Charles H.*, b. Feb. 18, 1859.—*William E.*, b. Feb. 17, 1861.—*Henry E.*, b. Jan. 3, 1864.—*Irene E.*, b. Nov. 1, 1868.—*Alvin F.*, b. Oct. 11, 1870.—*Myron E.*, b. Apr. 18, 1873.

4. JOHN, son of Amos (1), m. 1st, 1792, Rhoba, dau. of Ezra Day (1), and who d. Mar. 23, 1813; 2d, 1817, Mrs. Molly Farr, wid. of Joshua Farr, and who d. Aug. 30, 1856. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 22, 1854.

Ch.: *Pardon* (11), b. Dec. 28, 1794.—*Harriet*, b. Aug. 19, 1799; m., 1817, Wilder Harris (9); d. Nov. 20, 1851.—*Broughton* (12), b. Dec. 31, 1805.

11. PARDON, son of John (4), m., 1819, Roxana, dau. of Aaron Smith (8), and who d. Oct. 9, 1876. Resided in Chfd. He d. Jan. 6, 1869.

Ch.: *Elizabeth Augusta*, b. Aug. 10, 1819; m., Nov. 8, 1839, Hosea L. Stoddard (11).—*Rhoba M.*, b. Apr. 14, 1823; m. Nathaniel E. Stearns, of Warwick, Mass., now of Brat.—*John N.*, b. Nov. 14, 1827; m. Mary Holland; accidentally killed on the railroad, Aug. 9, 1853. Had one son, Sidney H., b. Apr. 8, 1852.—*Noyes J.* (13), b. Sept. 12, 1833.—*Charles W.*, b. Jan. 13, 1837; m. Emma A. Moore, b. in Bernardston, Mass., Nov. 20, 1841. He d. in Chfd., Nov. 6, 1869, leaving one dau., Anna A., b. May 13, 1867.

13. NOYES J., son of Pardon (11), m., Jan. 4, 1854, Anna Janette, dau. of Lydia S. Stearns. In 1867, he enlisted in the regular army, and is now missing.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Georgianna J.*, b. Feb. 11, 1855; d. Aug. 20, 1863.—*Arthur M.*, b. Feb. 9, 1857; m., Nov. 27, 1879, Addie M., dau. of Jabez J. Pierce, now of Chfd.—*Fordyce H.*, b. Feb. 10, 1859; d. July 23, 1863.—*Clara J.*, b. Mar. 24, 1864.—*Ulysses Grant*, b. Mar. 9, 1866.—*Alma P.*, b. July 7, 1867.

12. BROUGHTON, son of John (4), m., 1825, Charlotte, dau. of Barna Pratt (q. v.), and who d. Dec. 27, 1880. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 2, 1859.

Ch.: *Lucina P.*, b. May 1, 1828; m., Nov. 3, 1847, George, son of Samuel Goodrich (1).

DAVIS, GORDON, 1806—'25.

DAVIS, JASON, m., 1811, Martha, dau. of John Phillips (q. v.) Rem. to Youngstown, N. Y. Had, at least, 3 ch.: *Bradley D.*, m., 1835, Martha C., dau. of Abraham Wood (3), and rem. to Youngstown; *Nelson R.*; *Elizabeth*.

DAVISON, EBENEZER, was in Chfd. in 1767, which year he was selectman. The name disappears before 1787.

DAVISON, JOHN, here in 1770. His wife was Zerviah ———. Selectman 1775. The name disappears before 1787. Four ch. were recorded: *Stephen*, b. Jan. 20, 1767; *John*, b. Mar. 10, 1769; *Samuel*, b. May 27, 1771; *Lucy*, b. Aug. 14, 1773.

DAY, ELKANAH, physician, was in Chfd. in 1770, which year he was selectman. The town-meetings were usually held at his house (the location of which is unknown) till the meeting-house was built. His name disappears before 1787.

DAY, WILLIAM, was here in 1770. Soldier 1776. The name soon disappears.

DAY.

1. EZRA DAY, from Richmond, purchased in Chfd., Dec. 16, 1776, lot No. 4, in the 13th range. He was called a "cooper" in the deed. His wife was Mary ———. Selectman 1786. His name is not found after 1804.

Ch.: (So far as known) *John* (2), b. June 14, 1763.—*Rhoda*, b. Nov. 16, 1769; m., 1792, John Davis (4); d. Mar. 23, 1813.—*Ezra*, b. Mar. 31, 1775.—*Nahum*, b. May 23, 1779; drowned at Miller's Falls, while rafting on the Connecticut, not far from the beginning of the present century.

2. JOHN, son of Ezra (1), m. 1st, 1785. Olive, dau. of Benj. Colburn (1), and who d. Dec. 29, the same year; 2d, 1790, Elizabeth Ballard. Resided in Chfd. Selectman 1802-'05, '17-'19. He d. in 1833 or '34.

Ch.: *Olive*, b. Dec. 19, 1785; m., 1804, Ezekiel, son of Ezekiel Powers (1).—*John* (3), b. Feb. 2, 1791.—*Elizabeth*, m., 1815, Wilder, son of Jona. Hastings (6).—*Rachel*, m. 1st, 1816, Dr. Jason, son of Moses Farr (4); 2d, John Snow (5).—*Hannah*, m. 1st, Erastus, son of John Cobleigh (1); 2d, 1824, Lyman, son of Ezekiel Powers (1).—*Thirza*, m. 1st, 1825, Arnold Cook (1); 2d, Hezekiah F. Horton, of Hins.; d. Feb.. 1867.—*Delia S.*, m., 1830, Ora, son of William Colburn (3).—*Gordis E.*, unm.; d. in Chfd. about 1841.

3. JOHN, son of John (2), m. 1st, 1814, Polly Baker, d. in Grafton, Vt., Jan. 1, 1849, a. 52; 2d, 1850, Sophia, dau. of Rufus Harvey (2). He d. in Chfd., Apr. 29, 1864.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd. except the last) *John Boyden*, b. Apr. 24, 1815; m., May 7, 1838, Maria, dau. of Daniel Clark (3). Res. in Galva, Ill.—*William H.*, b. Mar. 7, 1818; m., May 22, 1843, in Grafton, Vt., Abby Woolly. Res. in Princeville, Ill.—*Albert H.*, b. Apr. 8, 1819; m., July 21, 1848, in

Middleport, N. Y., Kate W. Baker ; d. in Joliet, Ill., 1876.—*Charles B.*, b. Nov. 9, 1821 ; m., Aug. 27, 1845 (?), in Rockingham, Vt., Mary F. Wiley. Res. in Peoria, Ill.—*Polly E.*, b. Mar. 24, 1824 ; d., Aug. 20, 1825.—*Lucius L.*, b. Aug. 8, 1827 ; m., Jan. 1, 1850, Lizzie Farr, of Brat. Res. in Peoria.—*Larkin B.*, b. Dec. 2, 1831 ; m., Aug. 3, 1853, at Bellows Falls, Vt., Carrie Wentworth. Res. in Peoria.—*Helen Maria*, b. in Rockingham, Vt., Aug. 11, 1839 ; m. Joseph P. Bowman. Res. in Brimfield, Ill.

DAY.

2. COMFORT DAY, brother of Noah Day (3), appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1793, having come from Mass. His wife was Velonia Paine, d. Dec., 1822. He d. in Chfd.

Ch. : (Order somewhat uncertain) *Comfort*, m., 1796, Betsey, dau. of Zuriel Albee, of Wmd ; rem. to Littleton.—*Samuel* (4), b. June 23, 1784.—*Isaac*, m. 1st, Widow ——— Murdock, of Halifax ; 2d, ———, of Ithaca, N. Y., where he d.—*Asa* (5).—*Nancy*, m., 1799, Nathan Farwell (2).—*Silva*, m., 1812, John Jones ; d. in Wincr.—*Clarissa*, m., 1809, Daniel, son of Daniel Colburn (2).—*Joseph* (6).—*Polly*, m., 1819, Asa Dutton, of Dum.

4. SAMUEL, son of Comfort (2), m., at the age of about 25, Lucy Cutler, b. Sept. 29, 1782, and d. in Mich., Nov. 8, 1880, in her 99th year. In 1834, he, with his family, set out for what was then the "far West," making the journey "by teams to Schenectady ; thence by canal to Buffalo, and by Lake Erie to Fairport, O. ; thence, again, by teams to Cleveland, Sandusky, Maumee, and by the Black Swamp to Adrian, Mich." He settled in the town of Pittsford, in the last named State, where he was one of the first settlers, and where he became a prosperous farmer and stockman. He d. in 1856, "leaving a handsome property, and a far richer legacy to his descendants—a life-long honorable character and unblemished reputation."

Ch. : *Warren R.*, b. May 16, 1812 ; m. Mary Metcalf. Res. in Hudson, Mich.—*William H.*, b. May 5, 1815 ; m. ———, in Georgia. Soldier in the "Florida War," and afterwards in the Civil War. He d. about the close of the latter,

at Nashville, Tenn.—*Willard F.*, b. Sept. 14, 1817; m., 1860, Eliza Holcomb. Res. in Hudson. Since his majority he has occupied almost continuously an official position in his town or county.—*Mary A.*, b. Oct. 23, 1819; d. 1840.—*Wilson L.*, b. July 5, 1821; m. Louisa Sample. Res. in Pittsford.—*Winslow H.*, b. May 9, 1824; m. Jane Wood. Res. in Pittsford.—*Fanny A.*, b. Aug. 18, 1826; m. Augustus Kent, d. 1876. She res. in Hudson.

5. ASA, son of Comfort (2), m., 1815, Lucy, dau. of Phinehas Fullam (1). Resided in Chfd. He d. after 1864.

Ch.: *Charles*, m. 1st, Susan Wilson, of Wincr.; 2d, Maria Day, of Greenfield, Mass., where he d.—*Marshall Henry*, b. 1818; m. 1st, 1849, Elizabeth F., dau. of John Pierce (3), and who d. Oct. 4, 1865; 2d, Augusta Lyman, of Northfield, Mass., where he now res., having rem. to that town from Chfd. Stone-mason and farmer — *George*, m. Phebe Tourtelotte, of Greenfield, Mass., where he d.—*William L.*, m. three times. Musician. Res. in Greenfield.

6. JOSEPH, son of Comfort (2), m. 1st, Phebe Plumb, of Halifax, Vt., dau. of James Plumb, and who d. in 1833; 2d, Louisa Shattuck, of Townshend, Vt., d. 1878. He rem. from Chfd. about 1841, and d. in Windham, Vt., Apr. 30, 1865.

Ch.: *Maria*, b. Dec. 12, 1813; m. Aurelius P. Hall (3); d. Dec. 12, 1870.—*James P.*, b. July 30, 1816; m., at Brat., Mary Kelley, d. 1874. He d. in Putney, Vt., 1868.—*Eunice M.*, b. Mar. 20, 1818; m., Nov. 4, 1857, Geo. Hawes, a native of Barre, Mass. They res. in Chfd., and have one adopted dau., Bessie (Bemis), b. Nov. 24, 1865.—*Fulia Ann*, b. July 19, 1820; m. Chas. Fowler, of Coleraine, Mass.—*Velonia Paine*, b. Oct. 22, 1822; m. Lorenzo D. Keyes, of Brat., where she res.—*Eliza L.*, b. Oct., 1825; m. Willis Bemis, of Brat.; d. June 18, 1866.—*John B.*, b. Mar., 1828; m. 1st, Harriet Alexander; 2d, Sarah French, of Dum.; 3d, Ellen Whitney, of Westminster, Mass. Res. in Worcester, Mass.—*Hollis*, b. Dec., 1830; m. Helen ———, of Boston, where he d. Aug., 1877.

3. NOAH DAY, brother of Comfort Day (2), also appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1793. He was married once, and perhaps twice, before coming to Chfd., and is said to have had several ch., one of whom was *David* (7), b. 1790 or '91. In 1795, he m. Mrs. Leah (Farr) Hubbard, wid. of Amos Hubbard (3), and who d. Oct. 26, 1832, a. 76. By this marriage he had no ch. that lived till adult age.

7. DAVID, son of Noah (3), m., 1815, Phebe, dau. of Abel Fletcher (1), and who d. Nov. 18, 1870. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. Representative 1850, '51. He d. Aug. 7, 1867, a. 76.

Ch.: *Francis*, b. Oct. 11, 1816; m. Lovina Phillips, of Saco, Me.; d. in Chfd., Sept. 7, 1864. Had 5 ch.: David P., George F., John P., Norman N., Herbert E.—*Hoit H.*, b. Oct. 26, 1819; m., Mar. 19, 1872, Mary, dau. of Seth Doolittle, of Hins., where he now res. Has 2 ch.: George, Grace.—*Evelina M.*, b. Aug. 6, 1823; m., Nov. 2, 1841, Noyes Robertson (9); d. Jan. 29, 1852.—*George* (8), b. Mar. 24, 1826.—*Lucy Ann*, d. Mar. 26, 1830, in infancy.—*Norman*, b. Sept. 29, 1832; res. in Utah.

8. GEORGE, son of David (7), m., Feb. 3, 1864, Malvina C., dau. of Oliver Farnsworth (2). Before his marriage he spent a number of years in Cal., but returned to Chfd. and engaged in farming. He d. Mar. 28, 1881.

Ch.: *Evelyn M.*, b. Dec. 5, 1864; d. Jan. 31, 1875.—*Inez G.*, b. Aug. 15, 1868.—*Francis O.*, b. Sept. 1, 1870.—*Oramel H.*, b. July 7, 1876.

- DAY, MOSES, m. Sarah W., dau. of Moses Johnson (q. v.), and lived in Chfd. a few years. Had 3 ch.: *Nathan*, b. Apr. 4, 1816; res. at Fairhaven, Mass.—*John W.*, b. Mar. 12, 1820; m. Sarah Johnson. Res. in Jamaica, Vt.—*Sarah*.

- DODGE, NATHAN, here in 1780, which year he enlisted in the army. His wife was Pamela ———, d. Oct. 15, 1797, a. 37. He d. Oct. 7, the same year, a. 39.

Ch.: *Pamelia*, b. Apr. 5, 1781; *Catharine*, b. May 3, 1783; *Nathan*, b. Nov. 24, 1785; *Philana*, b. Apr. 2, 1788; *Lovica*, b. Oct. 14, 1790; *Flavilla*, b. Oct. 2, 1792; *Ashley*, b. Sept. 22, 1794; *Dolly*, b. Oct. 12, 1796.

DRAPER.

1. SAMUEL DRAPER, b. 1770, came from Boxboro', Mass., and settled in the south-east quarter of Chfd., in 1802 or '03. His wife was Sarah, dau. of John Crouch (1), and who d. Dec. 19, 1863, a. 101 years 5 months 16 days! He d. Dec. 3, 1841.

Ch.: *Samuel L.* (2) and *Sarah*, b. Sept. 27, 1794. *Sarah* m. John Crouch (4); d. Mar. 20, 1869.—*Amy*, b. June 2, 1797; unm.; d. Nov. 25, 1871.—*Eunice*, b. 1799; d. 1801.—*Eunice*, b. Sept. 25, 1802; m., Feb. 15, 1832, Ephraim Crouch (6).—*Abram*, b. Aug. 15, 1805; m. Sally March, of Alstead. Res. in Swzy.

2. SAMUEL L., son of Samuel (1), came to Chfd. with his father in 1802 or '03. He m., 1821, Laura Draper, b. in 1807. Farmer. In the autumn of 1814, he went to Portsmouth with Capt. Reuben Marsh's company, as fifer. (See Chap. V.) He was probably the sole survivor of the Chesterfield men who served in the army or navy during the second war with Great Britain, and was a conscientious and honorable man. He d. June 13, 1881.

Ch.: *Benjamin L.*, b. June 13, 1824; d. Oct. 10, 1859.—*Sarah M.*, b. Feb. 4, 1827; unm.—*Laura E.*, b. 1830; d. the same year.—*Laura E.*, b. Apr. 25, 1834; d. Aug. 2, 1854.

DUDLEY.

1. MOSES DUDLEY, son of Nahum Dudley, of Wmd., b. Oct. 18, 1794, m., Nov. 9, 1817, Persis, dau. of Rev. Allen Pratt, of Wmd., and who was b. May 9, 1794. From about 1817 till 1851, he engaged in tanning at the Centre Village, in this town, and afterwards in farming, having purchased the farm in the western part of the town now owned and occupied by Hazelton Rice. Selectman 1832, '33, '35, '49; delegate to the constitutional convention in 1850. He d. Apr. 16, 1874.

Ch.: *Allen Pratt* (2), b. Dec. 16, 1819.—*Hannah C.*, b. May 27, 1821; m., Aug., 1838, Dr. Chas. B., son of Marcus Holbrook (2).—*Charles P.* (3), b. Dec. 25, 1822.—*William L.* (4), b. Dec. 20, 1824.—*Persis M.*, b. Nov. 20, 1830; m., Oct. 3, 1850, Romanzo W. Thompson (10).

2. ALLEN P., son of Moses (1), m., Nov. 16, 1841, Mary S. Wheelock, b. in Swzy., June 25, 1820. In 1841, he commenced the practice of law in Bethel, Vt., afterwards practising in Winchester, Nashua, and Chfd. He finally rem. from this town about 1855, and now res. in San Francisco, Cal., engaged in the practice of his profession.

Ch.: *Mary G.*, b. in Wincr., Sept. 9, 1842; d. July 10, 1844.—*Henry L.*, b. in Nashua, June 21, 1844; d. Aug. 11, 1847.—*Chas. Allen*, b. in Nashua Mar. 20, 1846; d. in San Francisco, Dec. 11, 1873.—*Edward Thomas*, b. in Chfd., Feb. 2, 1848; m., Oct. 17, 1878, Miss Sarah N. Triplett, of Solano Co., Cal.—*Arthur Wm.*, b. in Chfd., June 6, 1850; d. Feb. 11, 1853.—*Alice Josephine*, b. in Chfd., Mar. 1, 1852.—*Anna Charlotte*, b. in Chfd., Apr. 3, 1854.—*John Wheelock*, b. in Mokelumne Hill, Cal., Nov. 10, 1860; d. in San Francisco, June 27, 1877.

3. CHARLES P., son of Moses (1), m., May 14, 1846, Lydia J. Davis, b. in Lowell, Mass., Apr. 11, 1827. Res. in San Francisco, Cal.

Ch.: *Ellen Maria*, b. in Lowell, Mass., Mar. 14, 1847; m., in San Francisco, Mar. 30, 1865, Levi N. Tower.—*Anna Gertrude*, b. in Chfd., Apr. 5, 1852; m., in San Francisco, Sept. 14, 1871, Hall Wm. Baxter.—*Chas. Davis*, b. at Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras Co., Cal., Nov. 14, 1855; d. Jan. 19, 1856.—*Wm. Moses*, b. at Mokelumne Hill, Apr. 5, 1858.—*Emma Eunice*, b. at Mokelumne Hill, Nov. 2, 1860; d. in San Francisco, June 6, 1867.—*Hannah A.*, b. at Mokelumne Hill, Feb. 11, 1863; d. in Tubac, Arizona Territory, Nov. 25, 1865.

4. WILLIAM L., son of Moses (1), m., Nov. 11, 1858, Mary Caroline, dau. of Thomas D. and Betsey R. (Mead) Doak. He was admitted to the bar, at Newport, in 1846, and commenced the practice of law in Chfd. the same year. In 1849, he went to California, and res. at present in Stockton, engaged in the practice of his profession.

Ch.: *Elizabeth Mead*, b. at Mokelumne Hill, Cal., Aug. 16, 1860.—*Elinor Gertrude*, b. at Mokelumne Hill, Jan. 4, 1862.—*Wm. Little*, b. at Stockton, June 13, 1869.—*Mary Frances*, b. at Stockton, Nov. 26, 1872.

DUDLEY, HERBERT, son of Joseph Dudley, of Wmd., m. 1st, 1836, Mary B., dau. of Ebenezer Scott (1), and who d. Mar. 1, 1875; 2d, June, 1878, Widow Eliza J. Dodge, of Dum. Settled in Chfd. in 1835. Farmer. Has one dau., *Mary C.*, b. Mar. 28, 1839; m., May 19, 1878, Wm. R. Smith, now of Chfd.

DUNHAM.

1. THOMAS DUNHAM, b. 1735, purchased land in Wmd. in 1785, at which time he was residing in Londonderry, Vt. He settled in the south-west quarter of the former town, on the farm long known as the "Dunham farm." His wife was Abigail Gay, b. 1736, and d. Dec. 21, 1829. He d. June 17, 1805. In his will, made July 4, 1804, the following ch. were mentioned: *Abigail*, (m. 1st ——— Gott; 2d, Archibald Mack).—*Annas*, (m. Judas Dodge).—*Alice*, (m. Abial Whitman).—*Sarah*, (m. 1st, ——— Chapman; 2d, Silas Powers).—*Elizabeth*, (b. June 24, 1771; m. Aaron Smith (8)).—*Hannah*, (m., 1795, Oreb Scott).—*Thomas* (2), (b. May 5, 1780). To these should be added: *Margaret*, m. ——— Streeter; *Abner*; *Elsie*, d. unm.
2. THOMAS, son of Thomas (1), m., 1800, Mariam, dau. of Benj. Smith (6), and who d. Feb. 1, 1858. He resided many years in Wmd., on the paternal farm, and was also engaged in boating on the Conn. He d. in Chfd., Mar. 20, 1870.

Ch.: (All b. in Wmd.) *Abner*, b. Jan. 30, 1801; d. young.—*Electa*, b. July 23, 1802; m. Samuel Moore; d. at Bellows Falls, Vt., Apr. 3, 1872.—*Thomas* (3), b. Apr. 8, 1805.—*Ira* (4), b. Dec. 6, 1806.—*Abigail*, b. May 4, 1808; m., 1826, Tyler Lincoln; d. in Cambridge, Mass., July 27, 1880.—*Levi G.* (5), b. Nov. 4, 1810.—*Horace*, b. May 10, 1812; d. young.—*Seraphina*, b. Aug. 2, 1814; m. Jacob Young. Res. in Ohio.—*Mary*, b. Feb. 26, 1816; m. Henry Ball; d. in Londonderry, Vt.—*Josiah* (6), b. June 24, 1818.—*Adeline*, b. Aug. 9, 1821; m. 1st, Harris George, of Topsham, Vt.; 2d, Jonas Corey, of Fitchburg, Mass.—*Maria*, b. Jan. 16, 1823; m. 1st, Geo. Wales, of Bellows Falls, Vt.; 2d, Geo. Minor, of Walpole.—*William*, b. Apr. 23, 1824; m. Harriet Jackman; d. in Marlow, 1865.

3. THOMAS, son of Thomas (2), m., Jan. 1, 1829, Lucy, dau. of Elijah Barrows, of Wmd., and who was b. Apr. 7, 1803, and d. Sept. 21, 1872. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *George T.*, b. Oct. 8, 1830; m. Rhoda, dau. of Epa and Eunice (Campbell) Cone, of Putney, Vt. Has had the following ch.: Leon T., b. May 10, 1861, and d. in infancy; Wilton A., b. June 8, 1863; Eva N., b. Nov. 3, 1865; Arthur H., b. Apr. 10, 1868; George H., b. Nov. 10, 1870; Fred R., b. Feb. 24, 1873, and d. in infancy; Merton T., b. Aug. 13, 1875; Guy, b. Mar. 26, 1878, and d. in infancy.—*Lucy Ann*, b. July 8, 1837; unm. Res. in Chfd.

4. IRA, son of Thomas (2), m., Nov. 26, 1829, Savona, dau. of Joseph Prentice (2). He d. in Hins., where he had resided many years, Sept. 11, 1878.

Ch.: *Horace*, b. Jan. 5, 1831; m. Apr. 12, 1852, Jane Robinson; d. Feb. 18, 1865.—*William R.*, b. in Chfd., Dec. 15, 1833; m. 1st, Jan. 6, 1858, Mary Ann, dau. of Bradley Prentice (3), and who d. Sept. 6, 1871; 2d, June 6, 1876, Maria J., dau. of Jotham and Jerusha (Streeter) Paine, of Wmd. Physician. Res. in Keene, to which city he rem. from Wmd., where he practised his profession several years.—*German*, b. Apr. 26, 1839; unm. Res. in Chicago.—*Ellen M.*, b. Apr. 24, 1841; m., Oct. 7, 1858, Leroy A. Thayer.—*Martha P.*, b. May 26, 1845; m., Jan. 17, 1871, Peter M'Mahan.—*Ira Leroy*, b. Jan. 1, 1855. Dentist in Hins.

5. LEVI G., son of Thomas (2), m., Jan., 1833, Alfreda C., dau. of William Howe (1). Res. in Londonderry, Vt., to which town he rem. from Walpole in 1839.

Ch.: *Levi*, b. Oct. 24, 1833; d. Mar. 28, 1851.—*Geo. Lar-kin*, b. Aug. 19, 1836; d. May 2, 1844.—*Seraphina*, b. Nov. 2, 1839; m., Sept. 25, 1859, Warren A. Adams. Res. in Manchester, Vt.—*Lodisa Adaline*, b. Jan. 5, 1851; m., Oct. 17, 1868, Chas. A. Whitman. Res. in Londonderry, Vt.

6. JOSIAH, son of Thomas (2), m., 1839, Alzina, dau. of Joseph Prentice (2). Farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Henry J.*, b. May 29, 1850; m., Nov. 27, 1872, Ellen M., dau. of Samuel Field, of Northfield, Mass. Has 2 ch.: Bertha L., b. July 18, 1874; Nina Ethel, b. Dec. 14, 1879.

DUNHAM, LEVI, 1829-'37. He was a Baptist preacher. His wife was Belinda ———. He probably rem. to Ohio. Two of his ch. were: *Elijah*, b. Feb. 10, 1823; *David*, b. Feb. 28, 1825.

EAGER, PAUL, from Templeton, Mass., purchased in Chfd., Oct. 8, 1778, the larger part of house-lots Nos. 7 and 8, in the 10th range. His wife was Jane ———, and he had a dau., *Sally*, b. July 13, 1784, and probably another, *Moliy* (or *Polly*), m. Jarib Jackson (2) Selectman 1785. His name is not found after 1792, and, as he is said to have exchanged farms with Constant Merrick, who came to Chfd. from Hardwick, Mass., about that date, he may have rem. to the latter town.

EAGER, ZILPAH, m., 1782, Martin Hildreth (6); d. Feb. 9, 1848, a. 88.

EARL, ESEK, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Mehitable ———. The name disappears before 1787. Four ch. were recorded: *Ashbel*, b. Mar. 18, 1765; *Philadelphia*, b. Dec. 24, 1767; *John*, b. May 14, 1770; *Robert*, b. Aug. 18, 1772.

EASTMAN, JAMES, was here in 1789, but the name soon disappears. His wife was Esther ———. The following ch. were recorded in the records of this town: *Joanna*, b. Mar. 6, 1775, and m. (probably), 1792, Flint Johnson; *Sally*, b. Dec. 3, 1778, and d. 1791; *Betsey*, b. Mar. 15, 1782; *Lydia*, b. Mar. 27, 1784; *James*, b. Oct. 20, 1786; *Esther*, b. Aug. 4, 1789.

EATON.

1. ABEL EATON settled in Chfd. about 1797. His wife was Elizabeth ———, d. May 30, 1834, a. 63. He d. in Wincr.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Abel*, b. Sept. 19, 1796; rem. from the town about 1838.—*Loring* (2), b. Feb. 22, 1804.—*Stutson*, b. Mar. 14, 1806; m., 1831, Almira, dau. of Cutler Blodgett (2); d. at Crystal Lake, Waupaca Co., Wis.—*Joel*, m. ——— Stearns, of Swzy.; res. in Woodstock, Vt.—*Thomas* (or *Thompson*).—*Elizabeth*, m., 1830, David S. Walton (6); d. Aug. 22, 1850, a. 41.—*Eliza*.—*Mary* (?).

2. LORING, son of Abel (1), m. Mary Cook, of Wincr. He d. in Swzy. in 1869 (?).

Ch. : (All b. in Swzy. and Wincr.) *Mary*, d. unm.—*Ames C.*, m. Eugenie Howard, of Wincr., where he res.—*Elizabeth*, m. David Pomeroy, of Swzy.—*Loring*, b. May 23, 1828; m., Aug. 7, 1855, Mary E., dau. of Alanson Norcross (4). Res. in Chfd. Has one dau., Frances L., b. in Surry, Dec. 23, 1857.—*Orleans S.*, m. Ellen Aldrich, of Swzy, where he res.—*Cyrus G*, m. Mary More (or Moore); res. in Swzy.—*Calvin L.*, m. Ella Pratt, of Wincr., where he res.

EDDY, PASCHAL P., b. in Charlton, Conn., Jan. 26, 1815, m. Lucy O. Bemis, b. June 29, 1819. Came to Chfd. from Natick, Mass., in '42 or '43. He d. Dec. 23, 1872.

Ch. : *George P.*, b. Dec. 13, 1839; m., Dec. 25, 1875, *Hattie R. Stoddard*. Res. in Chfd.—*Mary L.*, b. Apr. 18, 1843; m., Aug. 22, 1862, David O. Felt; d. Sept. 25, 1875.—*Elizabeth A.*, b. Nov. 4, 1845; m., Jan. 2, 1866, Alvin J. Folsom.—*Lauriette*, b. Feb. 14, 1848; d. young.—*Emily E.*, b. Apr. 21, 1851; m., Nov. 27, 1867, Oscar T., son of Thomas Frink, of Chfd.—*Daniel A.*, b. Oct. 10, 1854; d. Nov. 17, 1875.—*Edmund L.*, b. Sept. 18, 1857; d. Feb. 22, 1876.

ELLIS, THEOPHILUS, was in Chfd. in 1770. The name disappears before 1787.

ELLIS, MOSES, m., 1777, Delutor, dau. of Ebenezer Harvey (1). Physician. He probably rem. from the town before 1787. Four ch. were b. in Chfd. : *Calvin*, b. Dec. 23, 1778; *Nancy*, b. Jan. 16, 1780; *Chloe*, b. Mar. 24, 1781; *Elihu*, b. Aug. 28, 1782.

ELLIS, JOHN, was in Chfd. in 1776. His wife was Urania ——. His name disappears before 1787. Three ch. were recorded: *Charlotty*, b. Jan. 5, 1772; *Samuel*, b. Aug. 20, 1776; *Polly*, b. Jan., 1779.

EMMONS, ABEL, may have come from Greenwich, Mass., or vicinity. He settled in Chfd. in the spring of 1762, in the western part of the town. His wife was probably Betty (Elizabeth), dau. of Moses Smith (1). His name disappears before 1787.

Ch. : *Olive*, b. June 2, 1758; *Jonathan*, b. Aug. 19, 1761;

Robert, b. June 19, 1763, and d. 1764; *Solomon*, b. June 25, 1764; *Thomas*, b. Aug. 10, 1766; *Eunice*, b. Mar. 3, 1769; *Abel*, b. Aug. 4, 1771.

EMMONS, THOMAS, was in Chfd. in 1767. Selectman 1770. His name disappears before 1787.

EMMONS, NOAH, purchased in Chfd., July 7, 1768, lot No. 6, in the 16th range, and a part of lot No. 6, in the 15th range. His wife was Mary ———, d. Feb. 5, 1803, in her 74th year. He or his son, Noah, Jr., was a soldier in 1777 and '80. He appears to have d. about 1799.

Ch.: Probably *Mary*, b. Sept. 29, 1759; m., 1785, Amos Thomas (2).—*Noah*, b. May 5, 1762. His name disappears about 1800.—*Sarah*, b. Apr. 11, 1764; d. 1776.—*Lois*, b. Aug. 25, 1766; m., 1785, Aaron Thomas (q. v.).—*Elijah*, b. Feb. 24, 1771; m., 1808, Sarah Higgins. Rem. from the town in 1843 or '44. [There may have been other ch.]

EMMONS, SARAH, was in Chfd. in 1772. She was a midwife, and some of the oldest inhabitants of the town remember to have heard said that her services were in good demand. She was evidently a widow for many years. Her name appears on the tax-lists till 1798.

EMMONS, GEORGE, m., 1806, Abigail Thomas.

EMMONS, JOANNA, m., 1815, Erastus, son of Samuel Farr (1), *Third*.

ESTABROOKS.

1. SAMUEL ESTABROOKS, b. in Rehoboth, Mass., m. 1st, Esther Rounds, b. in the same town, and d. before 1817; 2d, 1817, Mrs. Lucy Hildreth. He probably settled in Wmd. about 1788, whence he rem. to Chfd. about 1805. He d. about 1820. Ch.: *Sally*, m. ——— Skinner; rem. to Western N.Y.—*Polly*, m. ——— Waldo; rem. to Western N. Y.—*Patience*, m., 1817, Isaiah Rounds, of Brookline, Vt.—*Sybil*, m. ——— Jordan, of Chfd.—*Samuel* (2), b. 1784.—*Nancy*, m. ——— Goff; rem. to Western N. Y.—*Hannah*, m. ——— Cutting; rem. to R. I.—*Betsey*, m. ——— Davis; rem. to Mass.—*Fonathan*, m. Sally Rounds, of Brookline, Vt.; rem. to Western N. Y.

2. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (1), m., 1807, Alice, dau. of Stephen Streeter (1), and who d. June 28, 1849. He resided in Wmd., and in Windham and Jamaica, Vt., but d. in Dighton, Mass., in 1850.

Ch.: *Alexander Franklin*, b. in Wmd., Aug. 26, 1808; m. Patty Houghton. Res. in Clarendon, Vt.—*Fanny*, b. in Wmd., Aug. 7, 1810.—*Mary Walden*, b. in Windham, Vt., Feb. 19, 1813; m. Riley Rice. Res. in Vt.—*Sarah Chamberlain*, b. in Jamaica, Vt., Sept. 24, 1815; m. Samuel F., son of Richard Hopkins (1); d. Apr. 24, 1853.—*Elmunda Adeline*, b. in Jamaica, June 22, 1817; m. Elliot P., son of Richard Hopkins (1). Res. in Illinois.—*John Wesley*, b. in Jamaica, Apr. 4, 1819; m. Martha T. Brown, of Weston, Vt. Res. in Boston.—*Luther Lanson* (3), b. in Jamaica, Sept. 18, 1821.—*Larkin Nelson*, b. in Windham, Oct. 18, 1823.

3. LUTHER L., son of Samuel (2), m. 1st, Mary Jane Brown, of Weston, Vt., sister of his brother John's wife, and who d. in 1847, a. 25; 2d, May 24, 1848, Sarah W., dau. of Richard Hopkins (2). In Aug., 1862, he enlisted in the 10th Mass. Battery, and served till June, 1865. Res. at present in Chfd. Mechanic at Factory Village.

Ch.: *Mary Jane*, b. in Boston, Mar. 8, 1849; m., Jan. 15, 1874, Geo. W. Hunt, of Wincr.

EVANS, ZUR, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Tabitha, dau. of Joseph Stebbins, of Vernon, Vt. He settled on the farm now owned and occupied by John Harris, and was one of the original trustees of Chesterfield Academy. For a number of the last years of their life, however, he and his wife were supported by the town. Zur d. after 1828, having probably outlived his wife.

EVANS, MOSES and PETER, were both in Chfd. in 1770, but appear to have remained only a few years at the most.

EVERETT, RICHARD, m. Susanna ———, and had a dau., *Martha*, b. Apr. 21, 1799, and probably a son, *Richard*.

EVERETT, DAVID, here in 1796. Was chosen a trustee of the Academy in 1806, which office he held till he rem. from the town, about 1819.

FAIRBANKS.

1. SAMUEL FAIRBANKS was in Chfd. in 1776, which year he signed the "Association Test." He was one of the town committee of safety, and appears to have been one of the most zealous patriots in the town. He was also selectman in 1777. He was probably married twice, his second wife being Lucy —, d. Sept. 20. 1802. In his will, made Aug. 9, 1787, and proved June 16, 1790, he bequeathed all his property to his wife, for the support of his children, and named his son *Zenas* (2) sole executor. *Zenas* was probably a son by the former marriage. He had also a son *Samuel*, b. Mar. 23, 1773; but the names of his other ch. are not known. He d. Apr. 14, 1790, in his 71st year.
2. ZENAS, son of Samuel (1), m. Mehitabel ——. Soldier 1776. He rem. from the town between 1806 and '13.

Ch.: *Cornelius W.*, b. Nov. 3, 1776; d. Mar., 1786.—*Mehitabel*, b. Mar. 22, 1778.—*Abigail*, b. Sept. 7, 1779; d. Mar., 1786.—*Lucinda*, b. May 4, 1781; d. Mar. 20, 1786.—*Samuel*, b. Jan. 23, 1783; d. Mar. 20, 1786.—*Rebecca*, b. Aug. 22, 1784; d. Mar., 1786.—*Abigail*, b. Apr. 10, 1787.—*Lucinda*, b. Apr. 2, 1790.—*Zenas*, b. Feb. 5, 1799.—*Rebecca*, b. Nov. 22, 1794.—*Cornelius*, b. June 2, 1796.—*Samuel*, b. Nov. 16, 1798.

FAIRBANKS, JONAS, was selectman 1782. The name disappears before 1787.

FAIRBANKS, LUCY, m., 1790, Richard Hopkins (1); d. Oct. 23, 1855, a. 82.

FAIRBANKS, SUSANNA, m., 1807, Daniel, son of Samuel Hildreth (3).

FARMER, WILLIAM, m. Hannah ———, and had a son, *William*, b. Nov. 3, 1771.

FARNSWORTH.

1. EDMOND FARNSWORTH, b. in Groton, Mass., July 4, 1762, m., probably 1782, Caroline, dau. of Martin Warner (q. v.), and who d. in Gowanda, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., July 1, 1837, in her 77th year. He settled in Chfd. about 1791, and remained here till 1827 or '28, when he rem. to Gowanda, where he d. Dec. 9, 1844.

Ch.: *Fanny*, b. June 20, 1783; m. Timothy Nutting, of Pepperell, Mass.—*Surrussa*, b. June 22, 1785; m., 1807, Shadrach, son of Shadrach Herrick (1).—*Thomas*, b. May 1, 1787; m. ——— King, of Gowanda.—*Charlotte*, b. Feb. 8, 1789; m., 1809, Alpheus Stoddard (6).—*Eleazer*, b. Nov. 15, 1790; m. Lydia, dau. of Amos Thomas (2). Wheelwright in Brat. for many years. He d. in Chfd., Oct. 13, 1878.—*Deborah*, b. July 22, 1792; m. Thomas Newcombe, of Gowanda.—*Edwin*, b. May 31, 1794; m. ——— King, of Gowanda.—*Oliver* (2), b. Mar. 14, 1796.—*Patty* (*Martha*), b. Mar. 4, 1798; m., 1817, Ezekiel Colburn (4); d. Mar. 25, 1873.—*Emme*, b. Mar. 22, 1800; d. young.—*William*, b. June 6, 1802; m. ——— King, of Gowanda.—*Emme*, b. Apr. 6, 1804; d. young

2. OLIVER, son of Edmond (1), m., 1827, Phenicy, dau. of Oliver Hastings (7). Farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Oliver F.*, d. in infancy.—*Malvina Caroline*, b. Mar. 4, 1840; m., Feb. 3, 1864, George Day (8).

FARR.

1. SAMUEL FARR, of Stowe, Mass., purchased in Chfd., Mar. 30, 1764, lots Nos. 9 and 11, in the 13th range, and probably settled on one of them soon after. His wife was Rebecca —. He was probably the Samuel Farr styled the *First* on the old tax-lists, from which his name disappears about 1790. According to the records of Stowe, he had the following ch.: *Zerviah*, b. May 4, 1737.—*Aaron* (2), b. Nov. 6, 1743.—*Isaac* (3), b. Oct. 23, 1746.—*William*, b. Mar. 11, 1744 (?). He appears to have settled in Chfd., and to have d. previous to Nov. 17, 1777, as Jonas Davis conveyed, under that date, one-half of lot No. 10, in the 13th range, to "Eunice, widow of William Farr," and her son William.—*Hepsebeth* (*Hephzibah*), b. June 3, 1748; m., 1770, Ithamar Chamberlain (1); d. Dec. 1, 1827.—*Ebenezer* (4), b. Aug. 18, 1750. To these should be added *Charles* (5), and perhaps *Samuel*, older than Aaron, and styled *Junior* in 1770 and '76, and later, the *Second*. The following is a record of children of "Samuel Farr, Jr., and Mary his wife:" Joshua, b. Dec. 10, 1771; Lucy, b. Sept. 2, 1774. The name of Samuel Farr, Jr., also disappears about 1790.

2. AARON, son of Samuel (1), m., 1773, Hannah Wheeler. Soldier 1776. His name disappears before 1787. The following ch. were recorded: *Jeremiah*, b. Oct. 22, 1773.—*Aaron*, b. June 4, 1775.—*Hannah*, b. Sept. 12, 1778.—*Hephzibah*, b. Sept. 5, 1780.—*Sarah*, b. Sept. 16, 1782.
3. ISAAC, son of Samuel (1), m. 1st, 1772, Lydia Stone; 2d, 1786, Mercy (or Mary) Fisher. Resided in Chfd. Soldier 1776. He d. June, 1810.

Ch.: *Lydia*, b. Oct. 11, 1777; m., 1801, Joseph Robbins, of Littleton.—*Isaac*, b. Mar. 3, 1780; m. Panthea Clark; probably d. in the State of N. Y. (perhaps in Buffalo).—*Anna*, b. Sept. 19, 1785; m. Benj. Foster; d. in Mount Holly, Vt.—*William* (6), b. July 7, 1787.—*Sibyl*, b. Apr. 4, 1789; m., 1811, Elijah, son of Aaron Fisk (1); d. in Malone, N. Y.—*Emerson* and *Amaziah* (twins), b. Jan. 15, 1791. Emerson m. Mary Storrs, of Wmd., and settled in Morgan, Vt.; Amaziah m. Lydia Franklin, of Wmd., and had one son, Alanson, who res. in that town.—*Hannah*, b. Mar. 3, 1794; m. Nathan Franklin, of Wmd., where she d. Oct., 1857.—*Polly*, b. Mar. 23, 1801; m. Foster Wight, of Wmd., where she d.—*Marshall*, b. May 11, 1806; m. ———; d. in Bedford, Mass.

6. WILLIAM, son of Isaac (3), m. 1st, 1809, Lydia Carlton, d. Aug. 11, 1837, a. 43; 2d, Oct. 30, 1839, Sarah Houghton, of Putney, Vt. Farmer in Chfd. He d. June 20, 1863

Ch.: *Diantha*, b. Feb. 3, 1810; m. 1st, Thornton Hopkins (3); 2d, Rhodolphus Scott (2); 3d, Jan. 4, 1860, Presson Stearns (4).—*Caroline*, b. Dec. 11, 1812; m. Joseph Russell, of Keene; d. in Illinois, 1878.—*Prusha*, b. Mar. 31, 1814; d. Nov. 28, 1827.—*W. Alonzo* (7), b. May 30, 1816.—*Edee*, b. Oct. 26, 1818; m. Henry, son of Joseph Holt (2); d. in Freedom, N. Y.—*I. Carlton* (8), b. June 10, 1822.—*Harriet*, b. Mar. 12, 1824; m. Thayer Knight, of Keene; d. May 3, 1850.—*Asa F.* (9), b. Apr. 17, 1826.—*Warren W.*, b. Jan. 17, 1829; m., June 6, 1852, Eliza E., dau. of Presson Stearns (4). Res. in Chfd. Miller and sawyer. Has no ch.—*Bradford C.*, b. Mar. 12, 1834; m., Oct. 9, 1856, Julia, dau. of David S. Fletcher (4). Res. in Chfd. Miller and mechanic. Has one son, Herbert R., b. Feb. 5, 1861.

7. W. ALONZO, son of William (6), m., Oct. 11, 1838, Sarah E., dau. of Mason Herrick (4), and who d. Mar. 23, 1878. Res. in Swzy.
Ch.: *Sarah J.*, b. Oct. 18, 1839.—*Helen A.*, b. June 21, 1841.—*Marthaette*, b. July 2, 1847; d. June 18, 1848.—*Loyd A.*, b. Mar. 16, 1849; d. Sept. 16, the same year.—*Fred W.*, b. Oct. 18, 1854.
8. I. CARLTON, son of William (6), m. Roxana, dau. of Nathaniel Amidon (2), and who d. July 10, 1873. He d. in Somerset, Vt., Mar. 3, 1852.
Ch.: *Wm. Carlton*, b. Dec., 1842.—*Lydia R.*, b. June 30, 1844; m. Martin Hall; d. in Wmd., Mar. 30, 1876.—*Sarah Fane*, b. July 3, 1846; m., Jan. 6, 1869, Larkin D., son of Parker Farr (6).—*Mary Eliza*, b. July 2, 1851; d. 1864.
9. ASA F., son of William (6), m., Jan. 25, 1854, Adaline S., dau. of Presson Stearns (4). Farmer in Chfd.
Ch.: *Leroy A.*, b. Feb. 7, 1857; d. July 23, 1863.—*Eliza Ann*, b. Sept. 22, 1859; d. Aug. 7, 1863.—*Orrin D.*, b. Feb. 16, 1865.—*Richard P.*, b. Mar. 3, 1871.
4. EBENEZER, son of Samuel (1), m., 1777, Mary Titus, of Douglas, Mass., sister of Noah Titus (q. v.), and resided in Chfd. till 1802 or '03, when he rem. to Littleton, where he d. about 1825.
Ch.: *Ebenezer*, b. Jan. 26, 1778; m., 1799, Sally Wheeler. Rem. to Littleton.—*Noah* (10), b. Dec. 8, 1779.—*Molly*, b. Mar. 14, 1782.—*Titus*, b. July 9, 1784; m., 1806. (at which time he was of Littleton) Nabby Whitney, of Chfd.—*Elijah*, b. July 5, 1786.—*Joseph*, b. July 6, 1788.—*Benjamin*, b. Mar. 15, 1791.
10. NOAH, son of Ebenezer (4), m., 1803, Lydia, dau. of John Cobleigh (1), and settled in Littleton, where he d. Apr. 2, 1842. His wife d. Dec. 8, 1856.
Ch.: *Gilman*, b. June 8, 1808; m., Apr. 6, 1831, Philena Allen, of Littleton; d. Dec. 25, 1869.—*John*, b. May 22, 1810; m. 1st, Mar. 5, 1833, Tryphena Morse; 2d, Oct. 8, 1862, Mrs. Emma M. Woolson. One of his ch. was Hon. Evarts W. Farr, representative in Congress from the third congressional district of this State, who d. at Littleton, Nov. 30,

1880.—*Philander*, b. Feb. 21, 1812; m., July 20, 1837, Amanda Day; d. Apr., 1874.—*Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 21, 1816; m., Mar. 30, 1836, Noah Gile; d. Jan. 3, 1847.—*Phinisa*, b. Jan. 1, 1819; m., Feb. 6, 1838, Marshall D. Cobleigh, (grandson of John Cobleigh (1)).—*Nelson C.*, b. June 18, 1824; m. 1st, Aug. 24, 1845, Augusta A. Smith; 2d, Mrs. Sophronia L. Wallace.

5. CHARLES, son of Samuel (1), m. Sarah ———, and resided in Chfd. till about 1812, when he rem. to the State of N. Y., (probably to Malone, or vicinity). Soldier 1777. His ch., so far as known, were: *Caleb*, b. June 9, 1781; m., 1806, Ama, dau. of Joseph Titus (1). Rem. to Malone, N. Y.—*Charles*, b. Sept. 25, 1783.—*Sarah*, b. Jan. 8, 1786; m., 1807, Benjamin Streeter (3).—*Calvin*.

FARR.

1. DANIEL FARR, of Stowe, Mass, m. Leah ———, and had, at least, two sons: *Daniel* (2), b. Feb. 1, 1744, and *Edward*, b. Apr. 3, 1750, and d. in Chfd. in 1787. Whether Daniel, Sen., came to Chfd. or not, is uncertain. A Daniel Farr purchased in Chfd. lot No. 5, in the 9th range, Dec. 25, 1764, at which date Daniel, Jr., was less than 21 years old: a circumstance that renders it somewhat probable that Daniel, Sen., also settled in Chfd.

2. Dea. DANIEL, son of Daniel (1), m., 1766, Lucretia, dau. of Lawrence Walton (1), and who d. Oct. 19, 1818, a. 71. He probably came to Chfd. with his father as early as 1764, and perhaps earlier. Soldier 1777. He d. Apr. 27, 1798.

Ch.: *Daniel*, b. Apr. 5, 1768; m., 1790, Sally Prentice (perhaps dau. of Joseph Prentice (1)), d. July 1, 1792, a. nearly 26. Had a son, Amaziah. b. June 1, 1791.—*Joseph*, b. Sept. 22, 1769; d. 1774.—*Amaziah*, b. Nov. 20, 1771; d. 1775.—*Joseph*, b. Feb. 21, 1775.—*Lucretia*, b. Dec. 22, 1776; m. ——— Rugg.—*Susanna*, b. Feb. 10, 1779; m., 1797, Joel Harvey.—*Nancy*, b. Aug. 22, 1782; m., 1801, William, son of William Hildreth (4); d. 1802.—*Hannah*, d. young, 1789.

FARR.

1. JONATHAN FARR (styled the *First* in 1776) probably came from Stowe, Mass., and settled in Chfd., as early as 1765. His

wife was Rachel ———. The following ch. were recorded in the records of Stowe: *David* (2), b. Dec. 1, 1743.—*Jonathan* (3), b. May 3, 1746.—*Elizabeth*, b. June 4, 1748.—*Edith*, b. Nov. 23, 1751; d. June 29, 1752.—*Rachel*, b. Apr. 21, 1753.

2. DAVID, son of Jonathan (1), m., in Chfd., 1767, Mary Powers. He probably rem. to Windham, Vt., or vicinity, between 1807 and '12.

Ch.: *Mary*, b. Oct. 30, 1768.—*David*, b. Feb. 25, 1770; m., 1795, Sarah, dau. of Andrew Hastings (2).—*Abijah*, b. Mar. 15, 1772; m., 1796, Rockselana (Roxana), dau. of Josiah Hastings (3).—*Edith*, b. June 9, 1777; m., 1799, Levi Hastings (5).—*Betsey*, b. July 11, 1779; d. July 4, 1798.

3. JONATHAN, son of Jonathan (1), m. Hannah ———. He was probably the Jonathan Farr styled the *Third* in 1776. Probably soldier 1776. There appears to be no doubt that the following were his ch.: *Fonas*, b. Mar. 12, 1769.—*Lydia*, b. Jan. 4, 1771; d. 1774.—*Thomas*, b. July 13, 1773.—*Benjamin*, b. Mar. 29, 1776; d. 1777.—*Lydia*, b. Aug. 23, 1778.—*Rachel*, b. Nov. 20, 1781; d. 1783.—*Rachel*, b. Aug. 26, 1783; d. 1789.

FARR.

1. JONATHAN FARR (styled the *Second* in 1776) appears to have settled in Chfd. before 1767. He probably came from Mass., though from what town is not known. He settled in the western part of this town, not far from the middle of the 15th range. He m. 1st, ———; 2d, ———; 3d, ———. Selectman 1777; probably soldier the same year. He appears to have d. about 1800.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *William* (2), b. 1751.—*Jonathan* (3).—(By 2d marriage) *Foshua*, b. 1757; m., 1785, Molly, dau. of Zerubbabel Snow (3), and who d. Aug. 30, 1856. He resided on the farm now owned and occupied by Oscar E. Sargeant. Soldier 1775. He d. Aug. 28, 1815. Had no ch.—*Moses* (4), b. 1761.—*Asahel* (5).—*Mercy*, b. Oct. 23, 1764; m. Jotham Brigham (2); d. Dec. 16, 1839.—*Abigail*, m., 1787, James Snow (4); d. at St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1837.—(By 3d marriage) *Susy*, b. July 21, 1779.—*Sabra* (or *Sabrina*),

b. Feb. 1, 1782; m. 1st, 1802, Francis Parks (q. v.); 2d, Wilder Brown; 3d, 1837, Russell Farr (3); d. Jan. 18, 1868.—*Charlotte*, b. Feb. 7, 1789.

2. WILLIAM, son of Jonathan (1), *Second*, m. Lydia, dau. of James* and Jerusha (Park) Trowbridge, of Worcester, Mass., and who was b. Apr. 7, 1754, and d. in Chfd., Jan. 31, 1834. He settled in Chfd., on lot No. 11, in the 15th range. Soldier 1777. He drowned himself in the Lily Pond brook, Oct. 18, 1814.

Ch.: *Gardner* (6), b. Feb. 13, 1774.—*Rhoda*, b. Sept. 14, 1775; m. Andrew Hastings (4); d. Oct. 18, 1836.—*Washington* (7), b. Sept. 17, 1778.—*Wells*, b. Apr. 5, 1782; unm.; d. in Chfd., Jan. 19, 1836.—*Lydia*, b. Jan. 28, 1783; m. Joshua Tyler (2); d. Jan. 13, 1805.—*Amos* (8), b. June 21, 1785.—*Loring* (9), b. Sept. 14, 1790.—*Dolly*, m. 1809, Ebenezer Safford (3); d. May 18, 1852, a. 59.—*Otis*, b. May 15, 1798; m., 1820, Lucinda, dau. of Asa Latham, (son of Arthur Latham (q. v.)); d. in Chfd. in 1822 or '23. Had no ch

6. GARDNER, son of William (2), m., 1799, Lucy, dau. of James Robertson (2), and who d. in 1838. Resided in Chfd. He d. June 3, 1830.

Ch.: *Lucy W.*, b. Dec. 2, 1799; m. Herman Shepard.—*Rolston A.*, b. 1802; m. Mary Cornish; d. in Buffalo, N. Y., 1874.—*Louisa P.*, b. 1804; unm. Res. in Hins.—*Rosina B.*, b. 1806; d. 1842, unm.—*Maria N.*, b. 1810; unm. Res. in Hins.—*Ellen H.*, b. 1813; m. Galusha Alverson; d. in Ill., 1874.—*Laura*, d. 1834, in her 20th year; unm.—*Jane S.*, d. 1842, in her 19th year; unm.

7. WASHINGTON, son of William (2), m., 1797, Mary, dau. of Andrew Hastings (2), and who d. Mar. 31, 1831. Resided in Chfd. He d. Apr., 1825.

Ch.: *Wesley*, went to sea many years ago, and never returned.—*Betsey*, b. 1798; m. Nathan Randall (4); d. May 8,

*James Trowbridge was a descendant, in the 4th generation, of Thomas Trowbridge, merchant, who was one of the early settlers of Dorchester, Mass. Thomas d. at Taunton, Eng., in 1672. James m., 1740, Jerusha Park, and had the following ch.: William, Sarah, Mary, (m. Zerubbabel Snow (3)); Abigail, William, Lydia, (m. Wm. Farr, (2)); Elizabeth, Dolly.

1834.—*Rhoda*, b. about 1801; m., 1825, Shubel, son of Josiah Hastings (8).—*George W.* (10), b. Feb. 10, 1804.—*Lydia*, b. May 23, 1808; m., Jan. 22, 1832, Alanson Norcross (4).—*Mary A.*, b. 1811; m., 1831, Nelson Hosley (3); d. Mar. 13, 1868.—*William T.*, m. 1st, Louisa Wilder; 2d, ———; d. in Worcester, Mass.

10. GEORGE W., son of Washington (7), m. 1st, Jan. 1, 1845, Clarissa G. Hammon, b. in Lisbon, Me., 1824; 2d, Hannah Ally, b. in Lynn, Mass., 1815, and d. Jan. 31, 1852; 3d, Olive J. Moore, b. in Lewiston, Me., Oct. 15, 1833. Physician. He has resided in Lewiston since 1843.

Ch.: *Mansel W.*, b. Oct. 30, 1845.—*Clarissa M.*, b. Mar. 20, 1847; d. Oct. 15, the same year.—*Grace Greenwood*, b. May 5, 1861.

8. AMOS, son of William (2), m. 1st, 1804, Mercy, dau. of John Cobleigh (1); 2d, 1806, Abigail, dau. of Ezekiel Powers (1), and who d. Sept. 17, 1870. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Apr. 4, 1862.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *Abner*, b. 1805. About 1831 he went to the southern part of the U. S., and never returned.—(By 2d marriage) *Worcester* (11), b. Dec. 31, 1806.—*Marcia C.*, b. Feb. 14, 1809; m., July 9, 1829, Wm. R. Snow (9).—*Lyman P.*, b. Aug. 18, 1811; m. 1st, Lydia Cobleigh, d. Aug. 15, 1840. a. 28; 2d, Apr. 12, 1842, Lois, dau. of Ora Smith (19). Resided in Somerset, Vt., from 1844 to '57, and two years in Bennington, Vt., returning to Chfd. in '59. Farmer, and for a number of years owner of the lower ferry. A dau., Mary A., d. May 2, 1852, in her 16th year. He d. in Chfd., July 13, 1879.

11. WORCESTER, son of Amos (8), m., Mar. 3, 1831, Abial, dau. of John Kneeland (q. v.) Farmer and stone-mason in Chfd. He was accidentally killed, May 14, 1881, by falling from a wagon.

Ch.: *Lestina A.*, b. Sept. 2, 1831; m., 1852, Clark Covey; d. in Bloomington, Ill., Mar. 7, 1857.—*Gilbert W.*, b. Jan. 27, 1833; d. July 17, 1838.—*Chester D.*, b. Aug. 21, 1834; d. Dec. 28, 1838.—*Frank H.*, b. Aug. 4, 1836; m. 1st, Oct., 1859, Phila M., dau. of Bradley Prentice (3), and who d. Mar.



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27, 1864; 2d, Jan. 30, 1866, Ellen J., dau. of Joseph Wilson, of Keene. Res. at present in Brat. Has had 4 ch.: Sidney H., b. Feb. 12, 1862; Frank E., b. Nov. 1, 1866, and d. in infancy; Alice M., b. Dec. 18, 1868; Grace W., b. Nov. 5, 1879.—*Ira D.*, b. Mar. 9, 1838; m., Nov. 24, 1879, Mrs. Caroline S. Blood, dau. of Nelson Stowell, of Massena, N. Y. Carpenter and farmer. Res. in Chfd. Has one son, Winfield Gordon, b. June 2, 1881.—*Dennie W.*, b. Jan. 7, 1840; m. Mary H., dau. of Rev. Addison Brown, of Brat. When the civil war broke out he was residing in Brat., and soon received a commission as 2d-lieut. in the 4th Regt. Vt. volunteers, finally becoming captain of company C in the same regt. At the battle of the Wilderness, Va., May 5, 1864, he was killed by a shot that struck him in the head. His remains were brought to Chfd., and buried, with Masonic ceremonies, in the cemetery near the West Village.—*James E.*, b. June 24, 1843; d. Feb. 7, 1853.—*Charles M.*, b. June 27, 1845; m. 1st, Mary T. Finnegan, of N. Y. City, d. May 4, 1875, a. 25; 2d, Mary E. Dwyer, of the same city, where he res.—*Bernard S.*, b. July 29, 1847; d. Feb. 6, 1853.—*Edwin H.*, b. Oct. 24, 1849; m., Aug., 1874, Abbie E., dau. of Wm. and Eliza (Smith) Stark.—*Helen E.*, b. Feb. 10, 1852; m., Nov. 1, 1875, Geo. F. Burnham, a native of Hartland, Vt., now of Chfd.

9. LORING, son of William (2), m. Roxana, dau. of Moses Farr (4), and who d. July 4, 1825. He d. in Chfd. in 1838 or '39.

Ch.: *William*.—*Prusha*, m. Edwin Gaylord; d. in Westfield (?), Mass.

3. JONATHAN, son of Jonathan (1) *Second*, is said to have m. Widow ——— Baldwin. Resided in Chfd. His will, in which he mentioned only his son Austin, was proved Oct. 9, 1807.

Ch.: *Leonard*, b. Oct. 8, 1779; m., 1799, Persis, dau. of Warren Snow (2), and had, at least, 2 ch.: Kimball; Celatia, m., 1833, Electa C., dau. of Roswell Safford (2), and d. in N. Y. City, or vicinity. (See p. 164.)—*Sally*, b. Oct. 19, 1781.—*Phila*, b. Nov. 11, 1784; m. Isaac, son of Ezekiel Powers (1).—*Fanny*, b. Jan. 7, 1788; m., 1809, Roswell Safford (2); d. Apr. 15, 1837.—*Lucinda*, b. Nov. 9, 1791; d. young.—*Austin*.

4. MOSES, son of Jonathan (1), *Second*, m., 1785, Sabra (or Sabrina), dau. of Josiah Hastings (3), and who survived her husband many years. Resided in Chfd. He d. July 14, 1829.

Ch.: *Achsah*, b. July 2, 1785; m., 1803, John Snow (5); d. Nov. 21, 1824.—*Ora* (12), b. July 25, 1786.—*Mary*, b. Feb. 20, 1788; m., 1809, Ezra Church.—*Roxana*, b. Aug. 21, 1789; m. Loring Farr (9); d. July 4, 1825.—*Fason*, b. 1794; m. Rachel, dau. of John Day (2). Physician. He d. in Chfd., Oct. 11, 1825, leaving 2 ch.: Duane B., d. Mar. 19, 1846, a. 24; Elizabeth.—*Sally*, b. 1796 or '97; m., 1815, Roswell Powers (2); d. May 13, 1828.—*Polly*, b. 1799; m., 1829, Roswell Powers (2); d. May 8, 1840.—*Sabrina*, b. 1809 or '10; d. Dec. 10, 1829, unm.

12. ORA, son of Moses (4), m., 1814, Hannah, dau. of John Harris (2). Resided in Chfd. Millwright. He d. June 30, 1828. His widow m. Luther Stoddard (7). She d. in Sutton. Vt., July 31, 1852.

Ch.: *Emily*, b. Apr. 25, 1815; m., 1834, Alfred Chamberlain (7).—*Marshall H.* (13), b. Jan. 16, 1817.—*Hoit F.*, b. Jan. 18, 1819; unm. Resided many years in Cal., but d. in Sutton, Vt., July 16, 1867.—*Larkin L.* (14), b. Nov. 4, 1821.—*Norman H.* (15), b. Apr. 16, 1824.—*George R.* (16), b. July 27, 1826.

13. MARSHALL H., son of Ora (12), m., May 8, 1839, Diana, dau. of Eleazer Randall (5). He was a carpenter by trade, and resided in Chfd. till 1854, when he rem. to Canada West (Ontario), where he engaged extensively in the construction of railway and other buildings. Mar. 12, 1857, the train on which he was riding was precipitated into the Des Jardins Canal, by the breaking of a bridge, near Hamilton, P. O., and he received injuries that caused his death in a few hours.

Ch.: *Herbert Marshall* (17), b. in Chfd., May 28, 1841.—*Clara Wheeler*, b. Aug. 3, 1845; m., at Hamilton, Jan. 15, 1868, Joseph Metcalf, a native of Eng. Res. at present in Holyoke, Mass.—*Frank Howard*, b. Dec. 31, 1851; d. at Hamilton, May 7, 1858.—*Chas. Norman*, b. Apr. 5, 1856; d. June 7, the same year.



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17. HERBERT M., son of Marshall (13), m., June 1, 1864, Annie, dau. of Jacob Hespeler, of Hespeler, P. O. Res. at present in Holyoke, Mass. At the age of about thirteen years he went with his father to Hamilton, P. O., where he lived till the time of his marriage. Being a lover of mechanical pursuits, for which, in his boyhood, he displayed a special aptitude, he decided, after attaining his majority, to engage in some kind of manufacturing. In accordance with this decision, he began, in 1864, the manufacture of knitted goods, alpaca, &c., at Hespeler, in the county of Waterloo, P. O., being associated with his uncle, Geo. Randall, and others. The Dominion of Canada affording a somewhat too limited market for the sale of alpaca goods, it was decided to remove to the United States, and Holyoke, Mass., was selected as the place for engaging in the same business on a larger scale. A stock company having been formed, bearing the name of the "Farr Alpaca Company," with a capital of \$250,000, the manufacture of alpaca was resumed in 1874, and continued till the state of the market became such as to render the manufacture of other goods more profitable. At present the company has 600 looms in operation, giving employment to 1000 persons, and producing five million yards per annum of serges, linings, and worsted dress-goods.

Of this company Mr. Farr has been agent ever since its establishment, and has several times visited England on business connected with the factory. On one occasion he obtained the privilege of working with the dyers in the dye-room of one of the large alpaca factories near Bradford, Eng., and spent several weeks in perfecting his knowledge of the art of dyeing alpaca goods.

Ch.: *Linnie*, b. Mar. 20, 1865; d. Aug. 16, 1873.—*Flora*, b. Sept. 6, 1868.

14. LARKIN L., son of Ora (12), m., Feb. 23, 1845, Mary V., dau. of John Folsom Young, of Deerfield, (N. H.) Carpenter and farmer. He d. at Brat., to which town he rem. from Chfd., Sept. 12, 1863.

Ch.: *Ellen S.*, b. in Manchester, May 4, 1846.—*Hoit F.*, b. in Newark, Vt., Jan. 14, 1852; m., Oct. 25, 1876, Mary

Belle Porter. Res. in Holyoke, Mass.—*Fred M.*, b. in Newark, Sept. 27, 1855; m., June 3, 1880, Mary J. Hills. Res. in Swzy.—*Dennie L.*, b. in Chfd., Nov. 29, 1861.

15. NORMAN H., son of Ora (12), m., Apr. 12, 1855, Lucia A., dau. of Hope and Fanny (Cooper) Lathrop, of Walpole. Res. at Bellows Falls, Vt., where for a while he was engaged in trade, but is at present a general insurance agent.

Ch.: *Fanny Lathrop*, b. July 3, 1857—*Emily Harris*, b. June 20, 1861.—*Mabel Sophia*, b. Dec. 28, 1864; d. Sept. 24, 1865.—*Herbert Marshall*, b. Jan. 23, 1870.

16. GEORGE R., son of Ora (12), m. 1st, Sept. 19, 1854, Phebe A. Cheevey, of Westmore, Vt., d. Feb. 16, 1861; 2d, Feb. 25, 1874, Lauretta Bell, of Burke, Vt. Res. in Sutton, Vt.

Ch.: *Norman W.*, b. June 19, 1855; d. Aug. 7, 1859.—*Milton H.*, b. Oct. 28, 1858.

5. ASAHEL, son of Jonathan (1), *Second*, m., 1786 or '87, Lydia, dau. of Zerubbabel Snow (3). He probably rem. from the town between 1806 and '12. He is known to have had the following ch., but their order is uncertain: *Sibyl*, b. May 13, 1787; m. (probably), 1804, Alpheus Farr (q. v.).—*Edith*, b. 1791 or '92; m. Ezekiel Harris (5); d. 1813.—*Winslow*, said to be a Mormon in Utah.—*Ruggles*, said to have settled in Waterford, Vt.—*Shubel*.—*Jonathan*, said to have settled in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

FARR.

According to the records of Stowe, Mass., Samuel and Hannah Farr, of that town, had, at least, 3 ch.: Lydia, b. Mar. 29, 1814; Elizabeth, b. Nov. 25, 1725; Abraham (1), b. Oct. 1, 1730. Samuel, the father, d. June 7, 1754.

1. ABRAHAM FARR, son of Samuel and Hannah Farr, of Stowe, Mass., m. Rachel Foskett. He appears to have settled in Chfd. between 1770 and '75, on lot No. 15, in the 15th range. He d. Jan. 18, 1810, in his 80th year, (not in his 78th, as inscribed on his gravestone). His widow m. William Crook, d. in Westminster, Vt. She d. in Chfd., at a great age.

Ch.: (So far as known, but order uncertain) *Susannah*, b. Apr. 14, 1755; d. Oct. 7, 1756.—*Abigail*, b. Nov. 29, 1756; m., 1777, Amos Smith (4); d. July 17, 1830.—*Abraham*, m.,

1784, Dolly Harris, and settled in Windham, Vt.—*Tabitha*, m., 1782, Eleazer Cobleigh (2).—*Thomas*, m. ———, and is said to have had the following ch.: Lovisa, Lodisa, m. Caleb, son of Caleb Johnson (1); Abraham, Eli, Isabel, Belinda (?)—*Abel*, m. Polly, dau. of Aaron Smith (2), and had sons, Lovell, Abel, and Foskett.—*Hannah*, b. about 1774; m. 1st, 1790, Isaac, son of Samuel Hildreth (3); 2d, 1821, Samuel Stearns (3).—*Eleanor*, b. Nov. 3, 1777; m. ——— Gibbs.—*Esther*, m. Joel Knight, of Dum.—*Lovina*.

FARR, EPHRAIM, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Elizabeth Cobleigh. His name disappears about 1798. Soldier 1775.

Ch.: *Simon*, b. Apr. 8, 1764.—*Rebecca*, b. Feb. 15, 1766.—*Ephraim*, b. Feb. 20, 1768; m., 1801, Phebe Robbins.—*Abigail C.*, b. Nov. 6, 1770.—*Jonathan*, b. June 23, 1773.—*Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 23, 1777.—*Femima*, b. May 28, 1779.

FARR, THOMAS, 1770—'95. He may have been the brother of Samuel Farr (1), *Third*.

FARR, ALPHEUS, m., 1804, Sibyl, dau. of Asahel Farr (5).

FARR.

1. SAMUEL FARR (styled the *Third* on the old tax-lists), b. Apr. 27, 1755, appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1780. His parentage is unknown; neither has it been ascertained whence he came. He probably m. 1st, 1782, Martha Cobleigh; 2d, 1784, Esther, dau. of Ebenezer Streeter (q. v.), and who d. Dec. 24, 1847. He settled in the western part of the town, on the farm now owned by Larkin D. Farr. In 1800, he and Ezekiel Hildreth obtained a charter for a ferry across the Connecticut, now known as the upper, or Gilson's, ferry. He d. Nov. 2, 1809.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *Thirza*, m. (probably) Solomon, son of Benj. Hudson (q. v.)—(By 2d marriage) *Roswell* (2), b. Jan. 1, 1788.—*Russell* (3), b. 1789 or '90.—*Patty*, m. Luther Stoddard (7); d. in Sutton, Vt., 1840.—*Erastus*, m., 1815, Joanna Emmons. Rem. to Sutton, Vt.—*Esther*, b. June 19, 1798; m., 1823, Ora Smith (19); d. Feb. 9, 1876.—*Hannah*, m. Hiram Streeter.—*Samuel* (4), b. Oct. 1, 1804.

2. ROSWELL, son of Samuel (1), *Third*, m. Díana, dau. of Amos Smith (4), and who d. Mar. 11, 1879. Rem. to Jamaica, Vt., about 1823, where he d. Dec. 27, 1841.

Ch.: *James M.*, b. Nov. 10, 1813; m., Mar. 14, 1839, Lurinha Baldwin. Res. in Jamaica.—*Francis H.*, b. Nov. 21, 1815; m. Helen Phillips.—*Jane C.*, b. June 18, 1818; m., Apr. 4, 1844, Chas. H. Pierce. Res. in Jamaica.—*Henry L.*, b. Aug. 3, 1824; m. 1st, Lucella Roe; 2d, ———.—*Esther A.*, b. July 10, 1827; m., Feb. 21, 1848, Edmund Skinner.—*Edson R.*, b. Jan. 31, 1837; d. Oct. 29, 1854.

3. RUSSELL, son of Samuel (1), *Third*, m. 1st, 1811, Betsey, dau. of Aaron Smith (8), and who d. Sept. 20, 1836, in her 44th year; 2d, 1837, Widow Sabra Brown, dau. of Jonathan Farr (1), *Second*, and who d. Jan. 18, 1868. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. May 6, 1849.

Ch.: *Russell* (5), b. Aug. 4, 1811 —*Parker* (6), b. June 30, 1813.—*Eliza*, b. Oct. 21, 1818; m., Feb. 10, 1834, Presson Stearns (4); d. Aug. 31, 1859.—*Ransom* (7), b. June 16, 1822.—*Alfred* (8), b. Oct. 28, 1826

5. RUSSELL, son of Russell (3), m. 1st, 1831, Sarah, dau. of Nathaniel Amidon (2), and who d. Mar. 10, 1842; 2d, Apr. 7, 1843, Lydia S., dau. of Samuel Stearns (3). Resided in Chfd. He d. May 8, 1871.

Ch.: *Parker R.* (9), b. Oct. 7, 1831.—*Wm. Riley*, b. Oct. 13, 1835; m., Apr. 19, 1859, Ellen A. Gilmore, of Wrentham, Mass.; d. in Franklin, Mass., June 9, 1881. Had no ch.—*Sarah E.*, b. Apr. 15, 1838; m., Jan. 28, 1860, Samuel, son of Samuel Farr (4).—*Martha M.*, d. in infancy, Feb. 16, 1842.—*Ransom C.*, b. Feb. 17, 1842; m., June 3, 1864, Clarissa E., dau. of Arba and Emeline (Estabrooks) Spaulding, of Dum. Farmer in Chfd. A dau., Helena E., was b. July 3, 1866, and d. Feb. 19, 1868; another, Nellie A., was b. in Wardsboro', Vt., May 13, 1871.

9. PARKER R., son of Russell (5), m., Apr. 5, 1855, Abbie E., dau. of Welcome and Alpha Alexander, of Cumberland, R. I. Res. in Franklin, Mass.

Ch.: *Theodore P.*, b. Dec. 19, 1855. He graduated at

Tufts College in 1878, and is a teacher.—*Lucella F.*, b. Feb. 24, 1857; m. Eugene Davidson, of Foxboro', Mass.—*Millard L.*, d. a. 18 mos.

6. PARKER, son of Russell (3), m., Sept. 30, 1834, Adaline, dau. of Chas. Davenport (2). Res. in Chfd. Stone-mason and farmer.

Ch.: *Maria*, b. Mar. 12, 1835; d. Apr. 1, the same year.—*George P.*, b. Oct. 23, 1836; m. 1st, Kate Chase; 2d, Mrs. Rhoda Lankton.—*Charles R.*, b. July 31, 1839; m., Nov. 12, 1867, Cornelia E., dau. of Chas N. Clark (3). Res. in Northampton, Mass.—*Larkin D.*, b. July 16, 1845; m. Jan. 6, 1869, Sarah Jane, dau. of I. Carlton Farr (8). Res. in Chfd. Farmer and carpenter. Selectman 1881. Has one dau., Dora Jane, b. Nov. 4, 1871.—*Elvira E.*, b. July 8, 1847; m., June 6, 1866, Murray, son of Charles M. Davis (7).—*Emroy O.*, b. Jan. 2, 1852; m., Oct. 7, 1874, Florence E., dau. of Joseph Wilson, of Keene. Has one dau., Florence E., b. in Chfd., Apr. 12, 1879.

7. RANSOM, son of Russell (3), m., Oct. 1, 1844, Philinda P., dau. of Warren and Phila (Smith) Barrows, of Wmd. Farmer and merchant in Chfd. till 1856, and merchant in Wmd. in '56 and '57. Since 1858 he has resided in Chfd. Selectman 1855.

Ch.: *Chancey Snow*, b. Oct. 30, 1845; m., Nov. 8, 1872, Elizabeth H., dau. of Rev. O. G. and Mary A. (Kingsbury) Woodbury, now of Salem, (N. H.), and who d. Dec. 18, 1881. Res. in Hinsdale. Machinist. (See p. 118).—*Urban Warren*, b. Feb. 1, 1848; d. Oct. 5, 1853.—*Emma M.*, b. Aug. 30, 1850; d. Mar. 24, 1851.—*Ellen Martha*, b. Apr. 30, 1852; m., Feb. 9, 1870, Chas. A. Clark, of Dum. Res. in Ellington, Hancock Co., Iowa.—*Olin Ransom*, b. Mar. 1, 1855; m., Oct. 4, 1877, Myra L., dau. of John L. Streeter (7). Res. in Chfd. Mechanic and sawyer.—*Herman George*, b. Apr. 3, 1860; d. Apr. 11, 1869.—*Cora Phila* and *Carrie Bessie*, b. Apr. 25, 1863. Cora P. m., Dec. 27, 1881, Charles E., son of Ebenezer Andrews (2); Carrie B. m., Dec. 27, 1881, Wm. A. Lowe, now of Chfd.

8. ALFRED, son of Russell (3), m., Apr. 4, 1849, Lucy, dau. of Benajah Smith (15). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Harriet Newell*, b. Dec. 1, 1855; m., Mar. 3, 1881, Chas. M., son of Charles M. Davis (7).—*Alba A.*, b. Oct. 17, 1868.

4. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (1), *Third*, m. Thirza, dau. of Osborn Davis (4), and who d. Apr., 1867. He d. Aug., 1865, in Newark, Vt., where he resided.

Ch.: *Alzina M.*, b. May 30, 1830; m., Nov. 13, 1851, Elijah Amidon (6).—*Roswell*, b. Feb. 12, 1832; d. Apr. 25, the same year.—*Erastus*, b. Mar. 26, 1833; m. Lydia Drown, of Brownington, Vt.; d. in Burke, Vt., Sept. 6, 1881.—*Samuel*, b. May 12, 1836; m., Jan. 28, 1860, Sarah E., dau. of Russell Farr (5); d. in Newark, Vt., May 14, 1879.—*Wesley O.*, b. Nov. 17, 1838; m., Dec. 13, 1870, Phebe West, of Newark, Vt.—*Matilda J.*, b. Apr. 18, 1843; d. June, 1861.—*Philander E.*, b. Aug. 20, 1845; d. Aug. 18, 1848.—*Eudora E.*, b. Aug. 23, 1850; m., Nov. 18, 1864, Lawrence W. Ryon, of Augusta, Me.; d. Oct. 20, 1877.

FARR, JACOB, was in Chfd. in 1777, which year he served a while in Capt. Waitstill Scott's company. His name disappears before 1787.

FARR, JACOB, Jun., was also in Chfd. in 1777, and was probably at the battle of Bennington with Capt. Carlton's company. It was probably he who, in 1779, m. Phebe, dau. of Amos Davis (1). His name disappears before 1787.

FARWELL.

1. JONATHAN FARWELL was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Priscilla ———, d. Aug. 4, 1828, in her 78th year. Soldier 1776.

Ch.: *Jonathan*, b. Dec. 5, 1772.—*Nathan* (2), b. Mar. 30, 1775.—*Henry*, b. Apr. 10, 1777. Is said to have rem. to Maine.—*Oliver*, b. Apr. 7, 1779.—*Priscilla*, b. May 20, 1781.—*Lucina*, b. Dec. 24, 1783; m., 1811, Asa Fullam (2); d. Nov. 10, 1817.—*Clarissa*, b. May 26, 1786; m., 1809, Elijah Scott (q. v.).—*Axafilena*, b. June 25, 1788.—*Zubah*, b. June 18, 1791; m., 1819, Ebenezer Stearns (q. v.); d. ———.—*Lorane*, b. Feb. 19, 1794.—*Arad*, b. Mar. 11, 1797. Is said to have rem. to Maine.

2. NATHAN, son of Jonathan (1), m. 1st, 1799, Nancy, dau. of Comfort Day (2); 2d, 1844, Diana, dau. of Anthony Randall (3). He lived several years among the Indians (probably of New York), and after his return to Chfd. professed to cure diseases by methods which he had learned of them. He and his second wife, Diana, both d. at the poor-house, in Chfd.

Ch.: *Vellonia*, b. June 27, 1800; m. James, son of Levi Mead (1).—*Priscilla*, b. Jan. 18, 1802; m. Eden Bennett.—*Isaac*, b. Apr. 11, 1811.—*Amanda*, b. Aug. 19, 1812.—*Diana*, b. Apr. 17, 1814.—*Oliver*, b. Oct. 17, 1817.—*Jonathan*, b. Aug. 25, 1819.—*Arad*, b. Dec. 14, 1821.

FARWELL, WILLIAM, was in Chfd. in 1770. Soldier 1775. His name disappears about 1800.

FARWELL.

1. OLIVER FARWELL appears to have settled in Chfd. between 1770 and '76. He was one of the first settlers at Factory Village, and is said to have owned, at one time, the land on both sides of the "channel" and Partridge brook from the lake down to where J. W. Chamberlain, Jr.'s, saw-mill now stands. The name of his wife has not been ascertained. He d. probably about 1800. He had, at least, the following ch., but the order of their births is not known: *Benjamin* (2).—*Calvin*, m., 1789, Sally Smith.—*Jonathan*.—*William*.—*Edee*, m. Caleb Wetherbee (q. v.) It is possible that the name of *Levi* (q. v.) should be added.
2. BENJAMIN, son of Oliver (1), m. Edee Holden. He appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1780, or a few years after his father did. His will was made Feb. 16, 1804, and proved the 4th of the following April. His wid. m. Joel Whitney (q. v.)
Ch.: *Presson* (3), b. Dec. 7, 1777.—*Enos*, b. May 6, 1779; m., 1804, Louisa Davis. Rem. to Littleton.—*Edee*, b. Apr. 14, 1781; m., 1804, Solomon Lincoln, of Wmd.—*Melinda*, b. Feb. 1, 1784; d. young.
3. PRESSON, son of Benjamin (2), m. Betsey Cummings, d. Sept. 14, 1863. Resided in Chfd. He was a carpenter by trade, and built, in 1810, the factory at Factory Village. He d. Mar. 1, 1861.

- Ch.: *Almira*, d. 1798, young.—*Morilla*, b. 1798; m., 1824, Elias Brown (q. v.); d. Oct. 1, 1871.—*Alfred* (4), b. Jan. 7, 1800.—*Brinthy*, b. Jan. 17, 1802; m., 1823, Geo. D. Carpenter, of Seekonk, Mass.—*Benjamin*, b. 1803 or '04; m. Olive Rice, but had no ch.; d. Jan. 10, 1856.—*Gilman*, b. 1806; unm; d. July 6, 1835.—*Almira*, m. Hiram Whitcomb, of Swzy.; res. at Rock Falls, Mich.—*Maranda*, b. 1810 or '11; d. Jan. 6, 1835, unm.—*Philana*, b. 1813; d. July 15, 1834, unm.
4. ALFRED, son of Presson (3), m., Oct. 1, 1828, Cordelia, dau. of Rhodolphus Scott (2). Res. in Chfd. To him the compiler of this volume is indebted for many interesting facts that could not have been obtained from any other person now living.
Ch.: *Alfred A.*, b. Nov. 2, 1809; unm.; d. Mar. 4, 1862.—*James C.* (5), b. Nov. 17, 1832.—*Cordelia M.*, b. Aug. 7, 1835; m., Sept. 9, 1852, Geo. R. Carpenter, now of Chfd.
5. JAMES C., son of Alfred (4), m., Aug. 14, 1857, in Shakopee, Minn., Sarah A. Gay. At the commencement of the Rebellion, in 1861, he was residing in Henderson, Sibley Co., Minn. Apr. 29, 1861, he was mustered in the 1st Regt. Minn. Vol. Infantry for three years; was soon promoted to corporal, then to sergeant, and was discharged with the latter rank at the expiration of his term of service. He re-enlisted, and was promoted to first lieutenant; soon after to captain, and then to major by brevet. Feb. 27, 1865, he resigned his position, and returned to his family. Since Oct. 1865, he has been engaged in trade at Factory Village, and is also postmaster at that village.
Ch.: *Addie M.*, b. Sept. 6, 1858; m., Nov. 4, 1880, Fred M., son of Geo. L. Hamilton (3).—*James F.*, b. Aug. 14, 1860; d. June 17, 1863.—*James Frederic*, b. Dec. 14, 1865.—*Willie G.*, b. Oct. 22, 1868.
- FARWELL, LEVI, perhaps son of Oliver Farwell (1), m., 1780, Judith Bingham. Rem. from the town, probably, about 1805.
Ch.: *Lemuel*, b. Sept. 18, 1780; m., 1803, Zilpah Albee, sister of Nathaniel Albee (q. v.); d. in ———, Vt.—*Abigail*, b. June 22, 1783; m. Samuel Pierce, of Wmd.—*Lydia*, b.

June 16, 1785; m., 1812, Joseph Mead (6); d. Feb. 24, 1866.
—*Judith*, b. Nov. 30, 1787.—*Foanna*, b. Feb. 9, 1790.
[There may have been others.]

FAULKNER.

1. WILLIAM FAULKNER, b. May 22, 1777, m. Esther Baker, of Berlin, Mass., b. Oct. 22, 1775, and d. in Chfd., Nov. 29, 1876, at the great age of 101 years, one month and 7 days. In 1814 or '15, he rem. from Berlin to Chfd. He d. in 1855.

Ch.: *Emery*, b. Mar. 10, 1800; m. Bathsheba Frye; d. in Bolton, Mass., Apr. 15, 1880.—*Lydia*, b. Apr. 8, 1802; m. Silas Moore, of Stowe, Mass.—*Diana*, b. July 25, 1804; m., 1833, John Beal (3); d. Aug. 17, 1877.—*Benjamin B.* (2), b. Apr. 29, 1806 —*Mary*, b. Apr. 21, 1808; m., 1824, James Holman (2); d. Aug. 31, 1841 —*William A.*, b. Apr. 5, 1810; m., 1836. Clarissa, dau. of Jesse Hinds (1).—*Sarah*, b. Aug. 29, 1813; d. unm.—*Stephen*, b. Feb. 14, 1816; m. Adaline Holbrook. Res. in Swzy.

2. BENJAMIN B., son of William (1), m., Aug. 20, 1833 Elizabeth C., dau. of Binea Norcross (3). Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Clarissa E.*, b. Mar. 2, 1834; m., July 5, 1857, John Tuttle, of Wincr.—*Lucy E.*, b. Dec. 13, 1835; d. Sept. 7, 1869, unm.—*Mary A.*, b. Oct. 1, 1837; m., Apr. 6, 1856, Walter W. Glazier, of Keene.—*Stephen P.*, b. Feb. 12, 1840; m., Aug., 1865, Melissa H., dau. of John McClenning (q. v.) —*Sarah M.*, b. Apr. 14, 1842; m., May 15, 1870, Romanzo J., son of Rhodolphus Scott (2).—*Lydia L.*, b. July 1, 1846; m., Mar. 7, 1864, Rawson H. Newton, of Hins.—*Martha M.*, b. Feb. 1, 1850; m., Mar. 12, 1868, William W., son of John McClenning (q. v.)

FIELD.

1. BETHUEL FIELD, son of Nathaniel, of Taunton, Mass., m. Sally Lincoln, of Norton, Mass., d. in Chfd., March 11, 1867, a. 88. He settled in Chfd. in 1819 or '20, and d. Aug. 28, 1847, a. 69.

Ch.: *Bethuel* (2), b. in Taunton, Feb. 18, 1801.—*Sally*, b. Sept. 6, 1802; d. unm.—*Pardon* (3), b. in Taunton, Sept. 16, 1804.—*Lydia*, b. Oct. 18, 1806; m. Joseph Wilber (q. v.)—*Nathaniel*, d. young.—*Jesse* (4), b. Nov. 3, 1811.—*Hix* (5).

b. Apr. 13, 1813.—*Mereda*, b. June 4, 1816; m. Perrin F. Smith, of Taunton.—*Polly*, b. Sept. 27, 1818; m., 1838, John Buxton (q. v.)—*Fanny*, b. July 14, 1821; m., 1845, Melvin Leonard, of Taunton.—*Nathaniel*, b. Jan. 4, 1827; m. Lydia Perry; d. May 20, 1855. He had 3 ch. who d. young: G. Andrew, Ella M., Fred M.

2. BETHUEL, son of Bethuel (1), m., July 16, 1826, Sophronia Allen, b. in Alstead, Mar. 11, 1804. Rem. to Kinsley, Kan., in the autumn of 1878, with his son-in-law, Levi L. Colburn.

Ch.: *Louisa M.*, b. Nov., 1827; d. Feb. 11, 1832.—*Julia Ann*, b. May, 1829; d. Feb. 9, 1832.—*Mary Ann P.*, b. Feb. 18, 1833; m., Apr. 24, 1859, Levi L. Colburn (7).—*Julia A. M.*, b. Oct. 12, 1834; d. Jan. 3, 1858.—*Artemas H.*, b. Apr. 24, 1839; m. 1st, Feb., 1865, Frances A. Witt; 2d, Nov. 29, 1868, Sarah A., dau. of Charles Davenport (3). Rem. to Kinsley, Kan., 1878.—*Francis A.*, b. Oct. 19, 1840.—*James C.*, b. Sept. 6, 1843; m., June 14, 1866, Josephine Daniels, of Keene. Res. in Dixon, Cal.

3. PARDON, son of Bethuel (1), m., Apr. 21, 1831, Rebecca L. Caswell, of Taunton; d. in Chfd. Dec. 24, 1876, in her 75th year. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 21, 1881.

Ch.: *Rebecca W.*, b. Aug. 26, 1832; d. Nov. 25, 1855, unm.—*Pardon*, b. July 26, 1835; d. Oct. 31, 1836.—*Ann M.*, b. Jan. 21, 1837; m., Apr. 18, 1858, Frank M. Proctor, of Wmd.; d. Sept. 25, the same year.—*Samuel P.*, b. Oct. 9, 1838; m., Feb. 10, 1880, Calphernia A., dau. of Lyman Britton (q. v.) Farmer in Chfd.—*John W.*, b. Jan. 27, 1840; d. young.—*John W.*, b. June 24, 1841; m., Oct. 15, 1867, Lucy A. Andrews, of Worcester, Mass. Res. in Charlestown, Mass.—*William W.*, b. Nov. 27, 1842; m. Mary Crossfield, of Keene.

4. JESSE, son of Bethuel (1), m., 1838, Hannah J., dau. of Clark Streeter (5). He d. in Chfd., Apr. 20, 1851.

Ch.: *Horace F.*, b. Mar. 13, 1839; d. Feb. 11, 1844.—*Helen M.*, b. Sept. 3, 1840; m., Jan 2, 1862, Ransford A. Comstock, of Shelburne Falls, Mass.—*Albert O.*, m. 1st, Susie Daniels, of Keene, d. Apr. 23, 1866; 2d, June 15, 1868,

H. Evelina, dau. of Benj. F. and Harriet M. (Johnson) Swan. Res. in Orange, N. J.—*Mary E.*, b. Nov. 6, 1845; m., Dec. 19, 1866, John R. Buell, of Wilmington, Vt.

5. HIX, son of Bethuel (1), m. Laura Ann Taft. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Henry O.*, b. Oct. 19, 1846; m., Feb. 19, 1879, May, dau. of Roswell Wood, of Winhall, Vt.

FISHER, WILLIAM, here in 1776. The name is not found after 1789.

FISHER, MICHAEL, son of Michael and his "espoused wife," Anna Thompson, was b. Mar. 27, 1776.

FISHER, HANNAH, m., 1783, Gustavus, son of Nathaniel Bingham (1).

FISHER, MARY, m., 1786, Isaac Farr (3).

FISK.

1. AARON FISK, b. in Holliston, Mass., Mar. 31, 1749, m. Tabitha Metcalf, of the same town, and settled in Chfd., probably about 1771. He lived on the hill west of the lake, on the farm now owned and occupied by William Bennett, Esq. He is said to have helped build the "old meeting-house." He was at the battle of Bennington, being a member of Capt. Carlton's company. (See Chap. IV.) It is also said that he was never known "to whistle, sing, or use profane language." His wife d. May 15, 1818, a. 66. He d. Mar. 3, 1837.

Ch.: *Lavina*, b. Oct. 27, 1773; m., 1802, Jonathan Wheeler (3); d. in Newfane, Vt., 1854. She attended school only 6 weeks, but learned to read well, though not to write. She was a tailoress by trade, and went from house to house, making clothes.—*Asa*, m., 1801, Betsey Henry; rem. to Whitefield, where he kept a toll-gate many years.—*Aaron*, m. Nabby Chandler; rem. to Guildhall, Vt. One of his sons, Anson Fisk, is a prominent citizen of that town.—*Joseph* (2), b. Sept. 2, 1782.—*Abel*, b. Feb. 17, 1785; m., 1807, Sally, dau. of John Phillips (q. v.) Rem. to Chicopee, Mass., where he d. at the age of 87.—*Elijah*, b. Apr. 29, 1789; m., 1811, Sibyl, dau. of Isaac Farr (3). Rem. to Malone, N. Y.—*Ezra*

(3), b. May 23, 1791.—*Levi*, b. July 23, 1793; m., 1815, Miriam, dau. of Philip Bacon (2). Rem. to Ohio.—*Lois*, b. Dec. 11, 1795; d. about 1813.—*Betsey*, m., 1830, James A. Sheridan; rem. to Ohio.

2. JOSEPH, son of Aaron (1), m., 1805, Polly, dau. of Gustavus Bingham, son of Nathaniel (1). He d. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Hannah S.*, m., 1832, Lauson Stone (6); d. Mar. 14, 1841, a. 30.—*Elvira*, m. Chas. McMasters; res. in Leverett, Mass.

3. EZRA, son of Aaron (1), m., Feb. 5, 1817, Hannah Bloss, of Lunenburg, Vt., b. Sept. 27, 1791, and d. in Chfd., Nov. 19, 1867. Resided in Chfd. He d. Dec. 18, 1834.

Ch.: *Emeline H.*, b. Apr. 25, 1818; m., Jan. 29, 1839, John McClenning (q. v.); d. Jan. 2, 1856.—*Caroline W.*, b. Dec. 10, 1820; m., Aug. 18, 1841, William Bennett (q. v.).—*Charles B.*, b. Apr. 15, 1822; d. Jan. 11, 1835.—*Harriet M.*, b. Jan. 10, 1824; m., Sept. 1, 1847, John J. Albee; d. July 23, 1858.—*Maria A.*, b. Dec. 13, 1825; m., Sept. 4, 1850, Ezra O. Kemp, of Keene, who d. Mar. 25, 1874.

FISK, JACOB, was in Chfd. in 1788, but appears to have remained only a few years. His wife was Mary ———. Two ch. were recorded: *Leonard*, b. Apr. 22, 1791; *Mary*, b. May 4, 1793.

FISK, LEVI, b. Jan. 21, 1765, d. in Chfd., Mar. 8, 1803, having settled here about 1791.

FISK, JOHN, m., 1792, Orange Beebe.

FISK.

Nathaniel Fisk, great-grandson of Robert and Sibyl Fisk, of Broad Gates, Eng., settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1642. One of his sons was Nathaniel, b. July 12, 1653, and m., 1677, Mary, wid. of John Childs, and dau. of Daniel and Mary Warren. He had 8 ch., one of whom was John, b. Mar. 17, 1682. John settled in Sherburne, Mass., and d. 1730. One of John's sons, Isaac, b. Aug. 24, 1714, m., 1736, Hannah Haven, and lived in Worcester, (then Framingham) Mass. One of Isaac's seven ch. was John, b. 1741. John m. Abigail Howe, d. Apr., 1829, a. 77. He resided in Framingham, and d. in 1819. His ch. were as follows: Nathaniel, Thomas (1), b. 1774; Sally, John B., Susanna, Edward, William, George.

1. THOMAS FISK, son of John Fisk, of Framingham, Mass., and a descendant of Nathaniel Fisk, who came from Eng., m.

Lucinda Trowbridge, of Pomfret, Conn., d in Chfd., Apr. 14, 1869, a. 87. In 1807, he came to Chfd., and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his son. John B. Fisk, Esq., building the large house in which the latter now lives. When about two years old, he had an attack of scarlet fever, which caused him to be deaf and, consequently, dumb. He learned, nevertheless, to read, and to cipher in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic. At the age of fifty years, he was admitted to the school for deaf-mutes, at Hartford, Conn., for the term of one year. He made rapid progress, and acquired knowledge that was of great use to him during the remaining years of his life. He d. July 25, 1861, at the age of 87 years

Ch.: *Thomas T.* (2), b. Nov. 27, 1806.—*Lucinda D.*, b. Mar. 14, 1809; m., 1830, Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel Hildreth (13).—*Mary Ann B.*, b. June 28, 1814; m. Hosea Newton. Res in Keota, Ia.—*John B.* (3), b. Apr. 10, 1816.

2. THOMAS T., son of Thomas (1), m. 1st, May 6, 1827, Emily, dau. of Elijah Hildreth (10), and who d in Hins., Jan. 6, 1849; 2d, May 13, 1849, Adeline Goodnow, b. Sept. 4, 1812, and d. Aug. 24, 1861. Resided in Hins. He d. June 17, 1861.

Ch.: *George C.*, b. Mar. 4, 1831; m., June 7, 1853, Maria E. Ripley, b. Sept. 6, 1835. Res. in Springfield, Mass. He is president of the "Wason Car Company," and of the "Fisk Manufacturing Co.," manufacturers of soaps, at Springfield. Is also engaged in the manufacture of paper at Hinsdale.—*Lucius I.*, b. Oct. 18, 1833; m., Oct. 25, 1860, Eveline E. Raymond, b. June 17, 1835. Resided in Springfield, and was a member of the firm of "L. I. Fisk & Co.," manufacturers of soaps. He d. Aug. 17, 1880, leaving no ch.—*Noyes W.*, b. May 15, 1839; m., Aug. 27, 1862, Emeline G. Adams, b. May 10, 1842. Res. in Springfield. Is treasurer of the "Fisk Manufacturing Co.," above-mentioned.—*Addie E.*, b. Sept. 27, 1853.

3. JOHN B., son of Thomas (1), m. 1st, 1838, Arabell, dau. of Ebenezer Robertson (7), and who d. Oct. 3, 1876; 2d, Nov. 21, 1877, Elizabeth A. (Chandler) Pierce, wid. of John H. Pierce. Res. in Chfd., on the paternal homestead. Farmer, and justice of the peace. Selectman 1870.

Ch.: *Harrison F.*, b. May 15, 1840; m. Mary G., dau. of Timothy Wyman, now of Chester, Vt. Res. in Hins. Has one son, Fred N.—*Martha D.*, b. Sept. 9, 1843; m. 1st, Henry C. Walker, d. Jan. 7, 1876; 2d, Edward Stebbins, of Hins.—*Frank D.*, b. Feb. 17, 1846; m. Lina E., dau. of Alfred Aldrich, of Wmd. Postmaster and telegraph-operator at Hins. Has 3 ch.: Pauline, Marion, Florence.

FITCH, GEO. H., 1822—'46. He m., Oct. 1, 1826, Lucretia P. Willard. Town-clerk 1834, '35.

FLETCHER.

1. ABEL FLETCHER, said to have been the son of James Fletcher, m. 1st, in Chfd., in 1784, Phebe, dau. of Jona. Hildreth (2); 2d, 1796, Sally, dau. of Thomas Willard (3); 3d, Charlotte, dau. of Ephm. Hubbard (2), and who, after Abel's death, m., 1819, Nathaniel Atherton (4). She d. Feb. 9, 1848. Abel's will was made July 10, 1816, and proved Jan. 9, 1817.

Ch.: (By first marriage) *Samuel*, b. Oct. 29, 1783; unm.; d. Sept. 23, 1867.—*Levi*, b. May 10, 1785; m., 1805, Luna, dau. of Lotan Hildreth (7).—*Silas* (2), b. June 29, 1787.—*Daniel* (3), b. Aug. 8, 1789.—*Luna*, b. Sept. 29, 1791; m., 1808, John Harris (4); d. Sept. 1, 1875.—*Joel*, b. Feb. 2, 1794; m., 1817, Clarissa Johnson. Resided in Chfd. A dau., Luna, m., June 6, 1839, Nathaniel W., son of Nathaniel Prime (2).—(By 2d marriage) *Alpheus*, b. and d. 1796.—*Phebe*, b. Jan. 1, 1798; m., 1815, David Day (7); d. Nov. 18, 1870.—*David Stoddard* (4) and *Arad Hunt* (5), b. Aug. 1, 1800.—*Cain* and *Abel* (also twins.) Cain d. Nov. 15, 1880, unm.; Abel d. Apr. 18, 1876, a. 71, unm.—(By 3d marriage) *Charles*, m. Hephzibah Henry; rem. to Leominster, Mass.—*Sally*, b. June 23, 1813; m., 1835, Wilder Stoddard (10); d. Apr. 5, 1852.

2. SILAS, son of Abel (1), m., 1813, Polly Johnson, d. Nov. 22, 1822, a. 41. About 1845 he rem. to N. Y. State.

Ch.: *Hosea*, b. Sept. 30, 1813; rem. to N. Y. State.—*George*, b. Aug. 12, 1816; m. Abigail Streeter. He d. in Chfd., leaving no ch.

3. DANIEL, son of Abel (1), m., 1810, Lucy, dau. of Joseph Converse (2). He resided many years in Chfd., but d. in Hins.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Frances*, d. unm.—*Lucy B.*, m. Chas. N. Clark (3); d. Mar. 21, 1846, in her 26th year.—*Joseph*, m. Mary A., dau. of Nathaniel Albee (q. v.); d. in Hins. Had 2 sons, Daniel W. and Charles A.—*Mary E.*, unm.; d. Aug. 7, 1847, in her 20th year.—*Charles*, m. —; res. in Guilford, Vt.—*Noyes*, m. —; res. in Mass.

4. DAVID S., son of Abel (1), m., Mar. 17, 1831, Eliza, dau. of Barzillai Hubbard (6). Resided in Chfd. He d. Apr. 7, 1848.

Ch.: *George S.*, b. Mar. 20, 1832; m. 1st, Aug. 13, 1861, Martha A., dau. of Daniel L. Harvey (7), and who d. July 8, 1870; 2d, Dec. 20, 1870, Helen M., dau. of Wm. and Mary Starkey, of Wmd. Res. in Chfd. Selectman 1873-75. Has one ch., Nellie M., b. Dec. 20, 1869.—*Eliza A.*, b. Jan. 13, 1834; m. Zimri W. Scott; d. in Gill, Mass., Jan. 13, 1854.—*Charles*, b. Apr. 19, 1836; m. 1st, Sept. 21, 1863, Henrietta Kenney, of Worthington, Mass., d. Nov. 12, 1867, in her 32d year; 2d, Aug. 13, 1870, Olive M., dau. of David Tilton, of Loudon. Res. in Chfd.—*Cornelia*, b. Mar. 14, 1839; m. Philander Gunn, of Keene—*Julia*, b. Apr. 15, 1841; m., Oct. 9, 1856, Bradford C., son of William Farr (6).—*John E.*, b. Dec. 22 1844; unm.; d. Dec. 6, 1868.—*Melvin D.*, b. Oct. 9, 1847; unm; d. May 24, 1872.

5. ARAD H., son of Abel (1), m. Bethana Darling, of Hins., b. Apr., 1802. Resided in Chfd. He d. June 3, 1850.

Ch.: *Arad* (6), b. May 20, 1823.—*Rodney* (7), b. Nov. 18, 1825.—*Henry* (8), b. Oct. 3, 1827.—*Elmira*, b. Oct. 13, 1829; unm.; d. Nov. 26, 1848.

6. ARAD, son of Arad H. (5), m., May 11, 1848, Martha S., dau. of Elihu Hall (2). For a number of years he has been superintendent of the County farm, in Wmd., and master of the house of correction connected with the same. Selectman in Chfd., 1849, '56-59; representative '59, '60.

Ch.: *Frank A.*, b. July 21, 1849.—*Eddie H.*, b. Sept. 9, 1851; m., Apr. 4, 1877, Alice C., dau. of Jewett E. and Clarissa E. Buffum, of Wmd., where he res.

7. RODNEY, son of Arad H. (5), m., Nov. 3, 1847, Olive W., dau. of Nathaniel Albee (q. v.) Res. in Chfd., and is a veteran mechanic at Factory Village. Selectman 1860-'62.

Ch.: *Sarah E.*, b. Mar. 13, 1850; m., Mar. 13, 1873, Benj. Herbert Swan, of Chfd. Has one ch., Albert F. Swan, b. Oct. 25, 1875.

8. HENRY, son of Arad H. (5), m., 1849, Charlotte, dau. of Reuben Marsh (2). Farmer in Chfd. many years, but res. at present in Brat. Was also deputy-sheriff for Cheshire County a number of years

Ch.: *Lelia Elmira*, b. Dec. 10, 1850; m., Dec. 21, 1871, Chas. D. Noyes, of Brat.—*Helen Marsh*, b. Dec. 21, 1859.—*Wm. Henry*, b. May 31, 1862.

FLETCHER, SAMUEL, was in Chfd. in 1776, which year he m. Elizabeth Whitney. His name is not found after 1792.

FLETCHER, EBENEZER, is said to have been a brother of Abel Fletcher (1). His wife was Mary Calder (?). Jan. 15, 1777, he was appointed a lieutenant by the N. H. Assembly. He probably d. in Chfd. His ch., so far as ascertained, were: *Silas*, *John*, (both of whom rem. to Canada); *William*, *Daniel*, *Elizabeth*, m. —Hoffman; *Susanna*, *Ebenezer*, d. young.

FLETCHER, JOEL, probably brother of Abel Fletcher (1), appears to have resided in Chfd. a few years. He m. 1st, Lucy Hubbard; 2d, Mary H. Brackett, wid. of Levi Brackett. His name disappears about 1792.

FORD.

1. HARDEN FORD, son of Samuel and Sarah (Dyer) Ford, b. in Rowe or Charlemont, Mass., June 3, 1800, m., Apr. 23, 1829, Prusha, dau. of Ashbel Wheeler (5). From 1832 till his death, he was a merchant at the West Village, being in partnership several years with Oscar Coolidge. He d. Aug. 6, 1839.

Ch.: *William W.* (2), b. June 15, 1830.—*James H.* (3), b. Sept. 14, 1832.—*Frederick F.* (4), b. July 4, 1835.—*Ellen M.*, b. Oct. 20, 1837; d. Feb. 28, 1842.

2. WILLIAM W., son of Harden (1), m., Dec. 30, 1861, Annie J., dau. of William Atkinson, of San Francisco, Cal. In 1852, he went to Cal., where he remained till 1870, when he returned to Chfd. Mechanic and miller.

Ch.: *Nellie M.*, b. June 17, 1863.—*Fred F.*, b. Mar. 4, 1865.—*Charles L.*, b. Feb. 11, 1867.—*William W.*, b. Mar. 15, 1870.—*Walter L.*, b. July 1, 1872.—*Harry M.*, b. June 6, 1875.—*Louis H.*, b. Apr. 12, 1878.—*Edward A.*, b. July 1, 1880.

3. JAMES H., son of Harden (1), m., Mar. 13, 1857, Ellen, dau. of Bradley and Eliza (Woodward) Leach, of Wmd., and settled in Chfd., where he resided till Nov., 1870. Res. at present in Franklin, Mass. Farmer. Was the first postmaster at the West Village (West Chesterfield), holding the office from Apr. 17, 1866, to Nov., 1870.

Ch.: *Charles L.*, b. May 22, 1858.—*George R.*, b. Oct. 2, 1863.—*Mattie E.*, b. Aug. 9, 1867.—*Blanche*, b. Jan. 15, 1870.—*Harden B.*, b. Jan. 20, 1876.

4. FREDERICK F., son of Harden (1), m., June 3, 1866, Alfreda P. Wilson, of Boston. Possessing a more than ordinary talent for music, he commenced at an early age to practise on the violin, and eventually became one of the finest violinists of Boston, where he resided. In 1868, he went to Germany, where he spent nearly two years under the instruction of eminent professors, one of whom was the celebrated Ferdinand David. He d. July 16, 1878, and was buried in Chfd.

Ch.: *Ferdinand David*, b. Mar. 12, 1871.—*Eudora Ellen*, b. Jan. 4, 1874.

- FOSTER, REUBEN B., (Sen.) b. Sept. 9, 1812, m., June 11, 1832, Betsey H., dau. of Richard Hopkins (1). Mechanic at Factory Village.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *James M.*, b. Oct. 15, 1833; m., Dec. 16, 1852, at Williamsburg, Mass., Clara B. Hayden.—*Helen M.*, b. Apr. 24, 1836; m. 1st, Feb. 17, 1863, George Cross, of Swzy.; 2d, June 11, 1867, at Florence, Mass., Wm. Phillips, d. Nov. 23, 1875; 3d, Jan. 30, 1878, at N. Y. City, Benj. Stratton.—*Mary Fane*, b. Sept. 30, 1838.—*Mahalia S.*, b. Apr. 5, 1842.—*Reuben B.*, b. Mar. 17, 1844; m., Feb.

16, 1869, Julia A., dau. of Hosea L. Stoddard (11). Mechanic at Factory Village. Has one son, Austin O., b. June 20, 1872.—*Frank H.*, b. May 30, 1847; m., in Boston, Adie Goodspeed.—*William E.*, b. Sept. 28, 1849; m., Dec. 15, 1876, Ellen M., dau. of Parker D. Cressey (7); d. in Chfd., June 1, 1877.

FRENCH, Dr. JOHN O., came to Chfd. in 1844 or '45, and remained about 10 years. His wife was Martha B. ———, d. ———. Was town-clerk 1849—'53. He afterwards settled in Hanover, Mass. Two sons were b. in Chfd.: *Charles P.*, b. Jan. 7, 1847, and graduated at the Medical Department of Dartmouth College in 1875; *Sidney W.*, b. Jan. 4, 1850.

FULLAM.

1. PHINEHAS FULLAM, from Westminster, Mass., b. Feb. 26, 1749, purchased in Chfd., Apr. 23, 1778, lot No. 5, in the 7th range, and probably settled upon the same not long afterwards. He m. 1st, Lucy Lampson; 2d, Widow Bathsheba (Britton) Leach, of Wmd., d. May 1, 1853, a. 85. He d. Aug. 4, 1823.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *Paul*, b. Oct. 3, 1776; m. 1st, 1804, Rachel Slade; 2d, 1814, Hannah Bolderay (or Boldry), of Putney, Vt. He settled on lot No. 6, in the 6th range, where he lived a secluded and hermit-like life, being noted for his eccentricities and peculiar habits. He d. Jan. 21, 1859. His wife Hannah survived him several years. Had no ch. that lived to adult age.—*Asa* (2), b. Feb. 24, 1780.—*Lucy*, m., 1815, Asa Day (5); d. ———.—*Myra*, d. young.—*Ellis*, d. young.—(By 2d marriage) *Almira*, b. May 8, 1806; m., 1824, Ara Hamilton (2).

2. ASA, son of Phinehas (1), m., 1811, Lucena, dau. of Jona. Farwell (1), and who d. Nov. 10, 1817. From May, 1815, to 1821, he engaged in trade at the Centre Village in partnership with Hon. Levi Jackson, and afterwards with Ashbel Wheeler, Sen., and alone. For a number of years he run a freight-boat on the Connecticut, between Chfd. and Hartford. He also erected a mill on Broad brook, for the manufacture of lumber. Selectman 1815. He d. Dec 14, 1870.

Ch.: *Caroline*, b. Mar. 20, 1813; d. Aug. 14, 1814.—
George Lampson, b. July 20, 1815; m., Feb. 20, 1850, Persis
 S. Davis, of Holden, Mass., a teacher of music. He engaged
 in business with his father, on Broad brook, till their mill was
 burned, in July, '53, when he rem. to Lowell, Mass., where
 he remained 8 years. He then returned to Chfd., and rebuilt
 the mill. He is also a surveyor and musician. Has no ch.—

William Henry, b. Apr. 20, 1817; d. July 1, 1845.

GALE, EBENEZER, b. (probably) about 1724, purchased in Chfd.,
 Nov. 29, 1774, lot No. 13, in the 6th range. His name dis-
 appears between 1806 and '12. He may have had sons, *Asa*
 (q. v.), and *Jonathan* (q. v.)

GALE, ASA, perhaps son of Ebenezer Gale (q. v.), m. Esther
 ———. Soldier 1775. The name disappears about 1813.
 Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 20, 1780, and
 m., 1805, Polly, probably dau. of Thos. Chamberlain (q. v.);
Asa, b. Dec. 20, 1782.

GALE, JONATHAN, perhaps son of Ebenezer Gale (q. v.), m.
 Lucy ———. His name is not found after 1794. Two ch.
 were recorded: *Sukey*, b. Nov. 24, 1783; *Caleb*, b. Mar. 21,
 1785. Another, *Jeremiah*, d. Nov. 27, 1783, probably in
 infancy.

GALE, VILAH, m., 1789, Abraham Stockwell (q. v.)

GATES, JONATHAN, from Templeton, Mass., m., 1783, Zerviah,
 dau. of Abner Harris (1). Nov. 26, 1783, he purchased in
 Chfd. a part of lot No. 2, in the 8th range. His name is not
 found after 1791. A son, *Josiah R.*, d. 1789, young.

GATES, ZACCHEUS, was probably a brother of Jonathan Gates
 (q. v.) He m. Mary (or Mercy), dau. of Abner Harris (1).
 Rem. to Central N. Y., probably about 1805. He had sons,
Europe, *Asia*, *Africa*, and *America*.

GILE (or GILES), JACOB, m. Abigail ———, and had a dau.,
Hannah, b. Jan. 15, 1791.

GILSON.

1. SAMUEL GILSON, b. about 1752, appears to have settled in Chfd.
 about 1791. He is said to have been the first blacksmith at
 Factory Village. His wife was Sarah ———, d. in 1817, a.
 66. He d. in 1826, a. 74.

Ch.: (So far as known) *Calvin* (2).—*Mary*, m., 1810, Azariah Walton (4).—*Sarah*, m. Thaddeus Davis. [It is possible that he had, also, a son named *Luther*.]

2. CALVIN, son of Samuel (1), m., 1810, Mehitabel, dau. of Joseph Pattridge (3), and who d. in 1857. Resided in Chfd. He d. in 1825, in his 39th year.

Ch.: *Prescott W.* (3), b. Dec. 31, 1812.—*Louisa M.*, m., 1836, Nelson H. Chandler (2).—*Luke H.* (4), b. Sept. 4, 1819.—*Sarah*, m. John W. Burpee, now of Brat.—*Joseph P.*, m. Cina Weeks, of Bennington, Vt.; res. at Doboy, Ga.

3. PRESCOTT W., son of Calvin (2), m. 1st, Adeline Whitney, d. 1836, in her 20th year; 2d, Feb. 2, 1837, Urania M., dau. of Benoni Streeter (q. v.) Resided in Chfd. Blacksmith. He d. Nov. 7, 1877.

Ch.: *Calvin P.*, b. Oct. 5, 1839; m., Mar. 24, 1867, Ann E., dau. of Clark Streeter (5). For a number of years he has been proprietor of the upper ferry, and has dealt extensively in horses. Res. at present in Putney, Vt. Has 3 ch.: *Mary A.*, b. Dec. 27, 1867; *Annie M.*, b. May 11, 1869; *Fred C.*, b. Aug. 24, 1876.—*Adeline L.*, b. Jan. 16, 1841; m., Oct. 3, 1858, John M. Farnum; m., May 12, 1879, Geo. A. Shackleton, of Thompsonville, Conn., now of Chfd.

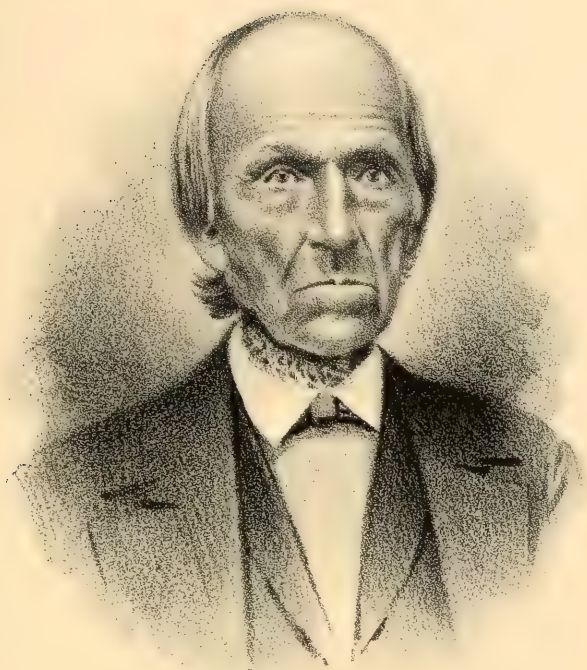
4. LUKE H., son of Calvin (2), m., 1847, Caroline M., dau. of Elijah Walton (3). He d. in Chfd., Oct. 5, 1867.

Ch.: *Emma C.*, b. Sept. 16, 1847; m., June 30, 1870, Carlton A. Wheeler, of Keene, now of Paterson, N. J.—*Frank B.*, b. June 22, 1849; m., Feb. 23, 1870, Emma Willard, of Ashburnham, Mass.—*Henry L.*, b. Apr. 16, 1853; m., Nov. 28, 1877, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Lina Rockfeller.—*Fred D.*, b. July 4, 1861; d. Feb. 2, 1863.

GOODALE, JOB, m. Lydia ———, and had a dau., *Feronia*, b. Feb. 19, 1795.

GOODNOW, LINCOLN, m. Sally F., dau. of Nathaniel Albee (q. v.), and who d. May 21, 1848.

Ch.: *Sarah A.*, b. Mar. 28, 1845; *Frank L.*, b. Dec. 18, 1847.



Sam^l Goodridge

GOODRICH (formerly spelled GOODRIDGE.)

Abijah and Eunice Goodrich, of Fitchburg, Mass., had the following children: John, Joshua, Eunice, Sally, Lucy, Catharine, Samuel (1), Polly, d. young; Polly and Patty (twins), Abijah, George, b. June 10, 1798; Fanny. Abijah, Sen., is said to have built the second house erected in Fitchburg, of which town he was one of the first settlers.

1. SAMUEL GOODRICH, son of Abijah, was b. in Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 6, 1788, and m., Mar. 31, 1811, Hannah Cain, of Weymouth, Mass., b. Nov. 5, 1791, and d. in Chfd., Apr. 5, 1876. In 1813, he settled in Chfd., on the farm now owned and occupied by Willard Henry, and where he continued to reside till his death. He was a man of great industry and perseverance, and his life was one of ceaseless activity. Though not an extensive farmer, in comparison with some, he was, nevertheless, a successful one; and his success in this respect is a fine illustration of what intelligent and well-directed effort can accomplish in overcoming natural obstacles. In his dealings with his fellow-men he was honorable and upright, and was consequently respected and esteemed by them. Selectman 1836, '37, '42. He d. Jan. 1, 1877, in the 89th year of his age.

Ch.: *Sarah*, b. Dec. 22, 1811; m., Jan. 24, 1832, Alonzo D. Atherton (10).—*Hannah*, b. Dec. 12, 1813; d. Aug. 1, 1867, unm.—*Emily*, b. Feb. 2, 1816; m., Oct. 8, 1856, Willard Henry (4); d. Mar. 15, 1873.—*Joseph C.* (2), b. Dec. 11, 1817.—*Abijah*, b. Aug. 23, 1820; d. Jan. 31, 1853, unm.—*George*, b. Feb. 21, 1822; m., Nov. 3, 1847, Lucina P., dau. of Broughton Davis (12.) Res. in Chfd. Farmer and stone-mason. Selectman 1862, '68, '69, '71, '77—'80; representative '71. Has no ch.—*James H.* (3), b. Nov. 10, 1823.

2. JOSEPH C., son of Samuel (1), m., Mar. 5, 1845, Hannah F., dau. of Nathaniel Atherton (4) Farmer in Chfd. Selectman 1846, '52, '53; representative '53, '54. He d. Oct. 27, 1863.

Ch.: *James H.*, b. June 26, 1846; m., Oct. 2, 1869, Sarah E., dau. of Africa Hildreth (8). Merchant at the Centre Village. Selectman 1874, '75. Has one ch., Nellie F., b. Jan. 29, 1871.—*John F.*, b. Sept. 27, 1848; m., June 22, 1871,

Ella S., dau. of Calvin G. Darling (S). He d. Sept. 11, 1879, leaving 2 ch.: Robert C., b. July 30, 1872; Jessie, b. Dec. 5, 1877.—*George A.*, b. Oct. 13, 1851.—*Joseph N.*, b. May 9, 1855; d. Jan. 17, 1872.—*Charlotte Mabel*, b. Jan. 30, 1863.

3. JAMES H., son of Samuel (1), m., Dec. 8, 1847, Martha S., dau. of Eleazer Randall (5). Res. in Chfd. Blacksmith, manufacturer of lumber, and surveyor. Selectman 1854, '69-'72; representative '68, '69.

Ch.: *Ella Martha*, b. Sept. 4, 1850; m., Feb. 17, 1870, Hermon C., son of Rufus Harvey (6).—*Abbie Randall*, b. July 30, 1856; m., Oct. 21, 1880, Alfred M. Aldrich, of Chfd.

GOODRICH.

William Goodrich and his brother, John Goodrich, came to America at an early period, first locating at Watertown, Mass., and next (about 1636) at Wethersfield, Conn., of which town they were among the first settlers. William m., 1648, Sarah Marvin, of Hartford, Conn. He d. in 1676. William's fifth child was Ephraim, b. June 2, 1663. Ephraim m. 1st, 1684, Sarah, dau. of Richard Treat, Esq., of Wethersfield; 2d, 1712, Widow Jerusha Wells, dau. of Capt. James Treat, of the same town. Ephraim d. Feb. 27, 1739. One of his sons by the first wife was David, b. 1705, and m., 1729, Sarah Edwards. David settled in Glastonbury, Conn., where he d. June 7, 1779, while "at his evening prayer." He had 11 children, one of whom was George, b. Aug. 13, 1751. George m., 1783, Lucinda Wells, d. Apr. 21, 1814, a. 56. He settled in Gill, Mass., where he d. Aug. 16, 1843. His children were as follows:

George, b. May 28, 1784, and d. in the South about 1812; David W. (1), b. Sept. 10, 1785; Alfred, b. Apr. 27, 1787, and d. Mar. 29, 1866; Charles C. P., b. Feb. 16, 1789, and d. in the South about 1812; John T., b. Nov. 5, 1790; William, b. Mar. 29, 1793, and d. May 25, 1814; Lucinda W., b. Mar. 17, 1795, and m. Robert Cook, of Northfield, Mass.; Laura W., b. Feb. 18, 1797, and d. Apr. 2, 1876; Mary W., b. Jan. 23, 1799, and d. Apr. 28, 1876; Ralph, b. Mar. 26, 1801, and d. Oct. 24, 1802; Ralph E., b. Feb. 2, 1805, and d. Mar. 30, 1814.

1. DAVID W. GOODRICH, son of George and Lucinda (Wells) Goodrich, and the descendant of William Goodrich, as shown above, came to Chfd., from Gill, Mass, about 1810. He was a cloth-dresser (or clothier) by trade. In 1813, he m. Salome, dau. of Benj. Wheeler (2), and who d. Jan. 28, 1879. Having followed his trade of cloth-dresser for several years, he next engaged in farming, living a number of years on the

"Dunklee farm," so called, and next on the farm which he purchased of Ashbel Wheeler, Sen., and which, in 1850, he sold to Eleazer Randall, Jr. He d. at the "Kneeland place" (now owned and occupied by his son, Charles C. P.), Mar. 22, 1857.

Ch.: *Honor*, b. Oct. 23, 1813; m., 1847, Charles S. Lane; d. Jan. 24, 1861.—*George W.* (2), b. Dec. 19, 1815.—*Lucinda W.*, b. Apr. 3, 1818; m. 1st. May 7, 1838, Noyes, son of John Harris (4); 2d, Mar. 30, 1858, Wm. S. Newton, Esq., of Brat.—*Mary E.*, b. Mar. 22, 1820; m. 1st, July 3, 1844, Osmond Wheeler, d. Oct. 15, 1846, a. 31; 2d, Nov. 11, 1851, Alfred Sargent, of Brat.—*Charles C. P.*, b. Nov. 7, 1822; m., Apr. 9, 1879, Susan A., dau. of Gilman and Susanna H. (Storrs) Willard. Farmer in Chfd., and justice of the peace. Selectman 1862-'64; representative '63, '64, '72. Has no ch.—*Sarah*, b. Nov. 27, 1824; d. Mar. 2, 1825.—*David W.*, b. Aug. 29, 1826; d. at Troy, N. Y., May 14, 1853.—*William F.*, b. Dec. 21, 1828; m. Widow Emily (Lyons) Pease, of Chicopee, Mass. Res. in Buffalo, N. Y. Has no ch.—*Ellen S.*, b. Feb. 15, 1833; m., June 18, 1855, Josiah Chamberlain (10); d. Feb. 12, 1857.

2. GEORGE W., son of David (1), m., Dec. 27, 1852, Mary Ann Boas, of Reading, Penn., b. April 24, 1824. Res. at Minneapolis, Minn., where he is engaged in the manufacture of flour.

Ch.: *Fred Boas*, b. in Canton, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1857.—*Mary Ellen*, b. in Canton, Nov. 6, 1858.—*Clara Mar*, b. in Reading, Pa., July 17, 1861.—*Ella May*, b. in Reading, Nov. 25, 1862.

GORHAM, ELNATHAN, settled in Chfd. about 1800. He m. 1st, Jane ———, d. in 1807, a. 25; 2d, Edee, dau. of Benj. Farwell (2); 3d, ——— Hayden, of Troy, N. Y. He was a cloth-dresser by trade, and was probably the first person who engaged in the business of dressing cloth at Factory Village. About 1807, he built, for a private dwelling-house, the present hotel in that village. He appears to have rem. from the town about 1812.

GOULD, DANIEL, was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Mary ———. His name is not found after 1793. Six ch. were recorded: *William*, b. Aug. 13, 1777; *Nathan*, b. Apr. 6, 1781,

and d. the same year; *Sarah*, b. Nov. 5, 1782; *Esther*, b. May 4, 1785; *Susanna*, b. Oct. 22, 1787; *Nathan*, b. Jan. 3, 1791.

GOULD, DANIEL G., may have been the son of Daniel Gould (q. v.), and was probably b. about 1771. He m. Anna, dau. of James Robertson (2), and rem. to Fredonia, N. Y., apparently about 1796. Two ch. were b. in Chfd.: *Daniel*, b. Sept. 27, 1793; *Orson*, b. June 30, 1795.

GRANDY, EDMUND, settled in Northfield, Mass., soon after 1719. He had sons, John, b. 1720, and Parker, b. 1730. John is said to have been a noted hunter, and, together with his brother, Parker, settled in Chfd. as early as 1770. John Grandy, *Junior*, who was imprisoned at Charlestown, in November, 1781, (see Chap. III) was probably John's son. The name of John Grandy (Sen. or Jun.) does not appear after 1787.

Parker Grandy m. Rhuhanah ———, and had a dau., *Sarah*, b. June 14, 1774. His name disappears before 1787.

GRANDY, ROBERT, also from Northfield, was in Chfd. in 1770; but he seems to have remained only a few years.

GRANGER, ELDAD, was here in 1787. His wife was Sarah, dau. of Thomas Holmes (q. v.) He built a saw- and grist-mill on Leavitt's brook, near the foot of the "gulf road," so-called, probably about 1797. About 1800, he seems to have rem. to Wmd., where he d. at a great age.

GRANGER, JONATHAN, 1785-'91.

GRAVES, REUBEN, may have settled in Chfd. before 1780. He lived on what was afterwards a part of the "Marsh farm," in the house situated between Henry C. Marsh's present residence and Marsh's brook. He d. May 10, 1786, in his 33d year. His widow, Hannah, m., 1788, Benjamin Marsh (1).

Ch.: *Anna*, b. Apr. 16, 1779; m., 1800, Abraham Hildreth (15); d. June 25, 1850.—*Hannah*, b. May 8, 1781; m., 1812, Charles Davis, of Oxford, Mass.; d. at West Boylston, Mass., Apr. 2, 1862.—*Olive*, b. Aug. 1, 1783; m. ———; d. Mar., 1851.—*Sally*, b. Nov. 16, 1785; m. ———; d. Aug. 27, 1757.

GRAY, MATTHEW, was here in 1776. The name disappears before 1787.



William Hail

GREEN, WILLIAM, m. Esther ———, d. in Chfd., Aug. 10, 1788.

His name is not found after 1793. Two ch. were recorded: *Hannah*, b. Jan. 18, 1786; *David*, b. June 14, 1788, and d. the same year.

GREGG, WILLIAM, m. Lydia ———, and had a son, *William A.* b. Mar. 7, 1799.

GRIMES, CALEB, was here in 1787, but the name soon disappears.

GROUT, JONATHAN, appears to have remained in Chfd. but a few years. A son, *Jonathan*, was recorded as having been b. in Leicester, Mass., June 10, 1786.

HAILE, WILLIAM, son of John and Eunice (Henry) Haile, was born in Putney, Vt., May, 1807. At the age of about fourteen years he came to this town with his parents, but was soon afterwards taken into the family of Ezekiel P. Pierce, Sen., with whom he lived till he was about twenty-one years old. Having attended school about two years, he entered, in 1823, Mr. Pierce's store, as a clerk. In 1827 or '28, he borrowed a small sum of money and opened a store on his own account, at the Centre Village. With characteristic sagacity he soon foresaw, however, that Hinsdale was destined to become a busy and thriving town, on account of the abundance of power furnished by the Ashuelot river. He therefore, in 1834 or '35, removed to that town, where he continued to engage in mercantile pursuits till 1846, when he became interested in the lumber business. In 1849, he began, as a member of the firm of "Haile and Todd," the manufacture of cashmerettes. Afterwards, the name of the firm was changed to that of "Haile, Frost and Company," by which name it is known at present. Though extensively engaged in business, Mr. Haile took a prominent part in political affairs. With the exception of two years, he represented Hinsdale in the General Court from 1846 to '54; was elected to the N. H. Senate in '54 and '55, of which body he was also president the latter year; and was again elected representative in 1856. The next year, he was elected Governor, to which office he was re-elected in '58. In 1873, he removed from Hinsdale to Keene, where he had built a fine residence. He did not cease, however, to take an active part in business till his death, which occurred July 22, 1876.

In 1828, he married Sabrana S., daughter of Arza Walker (3), and had the following children :

Harriet C., b. June 22, 1829; m., Nov. 23, 1853, John M. Stebbins, of Springfield, Mass.—*Ellen M.*, b. Sept. 12, 1831; m., Dec. 13, 1854, Sylvester O. Davenport, of Hins.—*Wm. Henry*, b. Sept. 23, 1833; m., Jan. 1, 1861, Amelia L. Chapin, of Springfield, Mass., where he res., and of which city he was elected mayor at the municipal election in 1880. At present (1882) he is a member of the Mass. Senate. He is also engaged in the manufacture, at Hins., of cashmerettes and “repellants,” being a member of the firm with which his father was connected.—*Sarah F.*, b. Feb. 1, 1837; m., Dec., 1863, O. G. Dort, of Keene.

HALE, ELIPHALET, son of John and Priscilla (Peabody) Hale, of Boxford, Mass., was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Ruth ———. In 1787, he obtained a charter for a ferry located between Catsbane island and Wmd. line; but appears to have d. or to have rem. from the town soon after, as no farther record of him has been discovered.

HALE, JONATHAN R., son of Ebenezer and Susanna (Roberts) Hale, of Hampstead, b. Nov. 5, 1760, m. Lydia Johnson, d. at Detroit, Mich., Apr. 28, 1849. He came to Chfd. about 1790, and d. here Mar. 5, 1808.

Ch.: *Ebenezer*, b. Jan. 8, 1787. Merchant in Canandaigua, N. Y., where he d. Mar. 2, 1871.—*James*, b. Nov. 21, 1788; resided at Manor, Mich.; d. in 1864.—*Fona. Roberts*, b. Sept. 30, 1790; d. probably in Ohio about 1842.—*Fohn*, d. 1795, in infancy.—*Fohn*, b. July 30, 1798. He was a successful merchant at Detroit, where he d. in 1840.—*Lydia*, b. Apr. 4, 1800; m. Orvilla Cook, merchant at Detroit, who was the first person that d. of cholera in that city in 1832.—*Charlotte*, b. May 4, 1804; m. Stephen Cook, and lived in Rochester, N. Y.

HALL, JOHN, 1793—between 1807 and '12.

HALL, EDWARD, m. Demmis, dau. of Joseph Titus (1), and lived in Chfd. a few years between 1803 and '12. Is said to have abandoned his wife and children, to whom he never returned.

Had 3 ch.: *Lydia*, m. Ezra Clark, of Vernon, Vt.; *Roxana*, m., Mar. 1, 1821, John Wheeler (6); *Leavitt*, m. 1st, ——— Stebbins, of Vernon, Vt., and 2d, ———, and d. at Eau Claire, Wis.

HALL.

1. ISAAC HALL, b. about 1762, settled in Chfd. between 1807 and '12, having previously lived for a while in Wmd., to which town he appears to have come either from Raynham or Taunton, Mass. He m. 1st, ———, d. Oct. 27, 1797; 2d, Betsey ———. He d. after 1835.

Ch.: *Alfreda*, b. Sept. 27, 1788; m. Benj. Snow, of Wmd. — *Philip*, b. Jan. 18, 1791; m. twice. Physician. He d. in Northfield, Mass., in 1880. — *Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 21, 1792; m., 1821, Asa Marsh (3); d. Mar. 18, 1878. — *Elihu* (2), b. June 30, 1795. — *Polly*, b. Oct. 2, 1797; d. young.

2. ELIHU, son of Isaac (1), m. Milla Pratt, of Wmd., d. Mar. 15, 1865, in her 70th year. Resided in Chfd. He d. Feb. 12, 1866.

Ch.: *Laura E.*, m. Gardner Wheeler (q. v.); resides in Orange, Mass. — *Aurelius P.* (3), b. Apr. 29, 1825. — *Martha S.*, b. Mar. 16, 1828; m., May 11, 1848, Arad Fletcher (6). — *Elvira*, m. George Sprague; d. in Chfd.

3. AURELIUS P., son of Elihu (2), m. 1st, 1845, Maria, dau. of Joseph Day (6), and who d. Dec. 12, 1870; 2d, Jan. 31, 1872, Charlotte M., dau. of Ebenezer P. Wetherell, and who d. Sept. 4, 1878. He resided in Chfd. till Mar., 1872, when he rem. to Brat., where he now lives.

Ch.: *Ada L.*, b. 1846; m., Jan. 18, 1872, Dwight Smith, of Brat. — *Ella M.*, b. 1847; m., Feb. 3, 1869, Hubbard G. Holden, then of Brat. — *Alice J.*, d. Apr. 1, 1874, in her 21st year; unm.

HAMILTON.

1. SAMUEL HAMILTON, b. in Ireland in 1752, was the son of a linen merchant or weaver. About 1772, apparently, he came to Boston, bringing a quantity of linen goods with him. It appears that a part of these goods were not sold till after the war between Great Britain and the American Colonies had

commenced. The money received for them became nearly worthless, so that he was, at one time, almost reduced to penury. He m., May 9, 1775, in Brookfield, Mass., Molly (Mary), sister of Dr. Joshua Tyler (1), and who d. Dec. 16, 1842, a. 90. He appears to have settled in Chfd. between 1780 and '85, on the farm now owned and occupied by David Holman (3). He also engaged, after coming to Chfd., in the weaving of linen cloth. He d. Feb. 12, 1810.

Ch.: *John*, b. July 11, 1775; settled in Windham, Vt.; was killed by falling from a bridge — *Hannah*, b. Dec., —; m. Joseph Hill, and rem. to Madison, O. — *Hance*, b. Mar. 18, 1780; m. Betsey Mark, of Gilsum. Rem. to Western Vt. — *Loammi*, b. May 11, 178—; m. ——— Wilder. Resided in Northampton, Mass. — *James*, b. Oct., —; m. Rebecca Bacon, of Richmond. Rem. to Fabius, N. Y. — *Samuel*, b. Jan. 22, 1787; m. Polly M'Curdy, of Surry, d. Mar. 12, 1872, a. 83. Resided in Chfd. He d. Oct. 19, 1878. Had no ch. — *Ara* (2), b. May 22, 1789. — *Fanny*, b. July 1, 1791; d. aged about 22, unm. — *Uri*, b. Apr. 27, 17—; "went West." — *Amadella*, b. Aug., 1796; went to Ohio, where she m. Verannus Allen.

2. ARA, son of Samuel (1), m. 1st, 1815, Sally, dau. of James Robertson (4), and who d. Dec. 11, 1823; 2d, 1824, Almira, dau. of Phineas Fullam (1). Resided in Chfd. He was lieutenant in Capt. Reuben Marsh's company, which was stationed at Portsmouth in the autumn of 1814. (See p. 110.) Selectman 1839—'41, '43, '45. He d. July 24, 1865.

Ch.: *Sarah R.*, b. Oct. 3, 1825; m., Apr. 27, 1848, David Holman (3). — *George L.* (3), b. Dec. 14, 1828.

3. GEORGE L., son of Ara (2), m., Jan. 1, 1849, Hannah E., dau. of Elias Brown (q. v.) Manufacturer of doors, sashes, window-blinds, &c., at Factory Village.

Ch.: *Frank*, b. Oct. 2, 1849; d. July 7, 1850. — *Luella A.*, b. Dec. 16, 1852; m., Feb. 19, 1873, Julian A., son of Hosea L. Stoddard (11). — *Frederick M.*, b. Apr. 29, 1854; m., Nov. 4, 1880, Addie M., dau. of James C. Farwell (5). — *Frank C.*, b. Nov. 23, 1855. — *Vanetta M.*, b. Mar. 10, 1858; d. Dec. 7, 1863.

HANDERSON, Hon. PHINEAS, son of Gideon and Abigail (Church) Handerson, was born in Amherst, Mass., Dec. 13, 1778. He was born in his grandfather's house, which was torn down, when it was more than a hundred years old, to make room for the Agricultural College. While he was yet an infant, his parents removed to Claremont, this State, his mother making the journey on horseback and carrying him in her arms. Having obtained what education the common schools of that town afforded, he began the study of law in the office of Hon. Geo. B. Upham. In 1805 or '06, he settled in this town, in which he practised his profession till 1833. While a resident of Chesterfield he frequently held town and state offices. In 1811, he was selectman; in 1812, '13, and '15, he represented the town in the General Court; in 1816, he was elected state-senator, an office to which he was re-elected in '17, '25, '31 and '32. He married, 1818, Hannah W., dau. of Rev. Samuel Mead, of Walpole. She died Dec. 30, 1863. In 1833, he removed to Keene, where he continued the practice of law. At the time of his death, in March, 1854, he was president of the Cheshire Bar.

Ch.: *Esther*.—*Harriet*, m. Wm. P. Abbott, of Keene.—*Ellen*, m. Dr. W. H. Thayer, of Boston.—*Caroline*, m. F. A. Faulkner, for many years an eminent lawyer in Keene.—*Henry Clay*, who served in the War of the Great Rebellion, and was afterwards postmaster at Keene. He d. in 1874.—*Hannah Maria*, m. Dr. T. E. Hatch, of Keene.—*Annie*.—*Mary*.

HARRIS.

Arthur Harris, who emigrated from England to America at an early period, was living in Duxbury, Mass., in 1640, and was afterwards one of the first settlers in Bridgewater, of which town he was also one of the original proprietors. He d. in Boston in 1693. His wife was Martha Lake, by whom he had, at least, 4 ch.: Isaac, Samuel, Martha, and Mary. Isaac m., in 1670, Mercy Latham, by whom he had several ch. After her death, he m. Mary Dunbar, of Hingham, Mass., by whom he had a son, Abner, b. about 1685, and several daughters. Abner m., in 1709, Elizabeth Lawrence, of Medford, Mass., and had, at least, 4 ch. who were b. in that town, viz: Elizabeth, b. Mar. 15, 1710; Abner (1), b. May 30, 1711; Jackson, b. June 9, 1712; Thomas, b. Mar. 9 (or May 30), 1715. Abner, Sen., appears to have rem., with his family, from Medford to Woodstock, Windham Co., Conn., at some time subsequent to the birth of his son Thomas.

1. ABNER HARRIS, son of Abner, and the probable descendant of Arthur Harris, as related above, m. Deborah ———. April 28, 1777, (at which time he was living in Woodstock, Conn.) he purchased of Simon Davis, of Chfd., 150 acres of land, with house and barn, in the western part of this town. This farm was identical, in part, with the farm now owned and occupied by Squire Amidon, and which has long been known as the "Harris farm." He is said to have been a potter by trade. In his will, proved Aug. 23, 1798, the following ch. were mentioned: *Abner*, *John* (2), *Perley* (3), *Elizabeth*, *Experience*, *Esther*, *Tamar*, *Deborah*, *Sarah*, *Lydia*, and *Mary*. To these should be added *Thomas* (between Abner and John), *Zerviah*, and perhaps *Dolly*.

Abner, Jr., m. 1st, Jerusha Ross; 2d, 1803, Mrs. Abial Johnson, wid. of Israel Johnson (q. v.) One of his dau's, by the first marriage, was Sally, b. in this town, Apr. 30, 1779, and m. Arad Stockwell, of West Brat., where she is still living (1881) at the age of 102 years!

Thomas m. ——— Cunningham, and came to C^sfd. before his father did, as he was here in 1776. He d. probably about 1825, and is said to have had no ch. that lived to adult age. Elizabeth m. ——— Thatcher; Experience m. John Bishop (q. v.); Esther has not been accounted for; Tamar m. Thos. Holmes (q. v.); Deborah, b. 1754, m. John Cobleigh (1), and d. Mar. 13, 1836; Sarah, b. 1758, m. Benj. Wheeler (2), and d. Nov. 9, 1821; Lydia m., 1782, Joseph Higgins (2); Mary m. Zaccheus Gates (q. v.); Zerviah m., 1783, Jona. Gates, Jr., (q. v.) As regards Dolly Harris, who m., in 1784, Abraham, son of Abraham Farr (1), it is by no means certain that she was the dau. of Abner, Sen.

2. JOHN, son of Abner (1), m., 1783, Hannah, dau. of Benj. Colburn (1), and who d. Apr. 9, 1839, a. 77. Resided in Chfd. on the paternal farm. He d. July 18, 1828, a. 72.

Ch.: *Theda*, b. Aug. 21, 1783; m. Benjamin, son of Ezekiel Powers (1), and rem. to Sutton, Vt.—*John* (4), b. Feb. 8, 1785.—*Ezekiel* (5), b. Mar. 14, 1787.—*Erastus* (6), b. Mar. 21, 1789.—*Fason* (7), b. Mar. 11, 1791.—*Clark* (8), b. May 14, 1793.—*Hannah*, b. June 20, 1795; m. 1st, 1814, Ora Farr

(12); 2d, Luther Stoddard (7); d. in Sutton, Vt., July 31, 1852.—*Wilder* (9), b. May 11, 1797.—*Deborah*, b. May 3, 1799; m., 1819, Norman Hastings (9).—*Arad* (10), b. June 9, 1802.—*Norman* (11), b. Oct. 17, 1803.

4. JOHN, son of John (2), m., 1808, Luna, dau. of Abel Fletcher (1), and who d. Sept. 1, 1875. Resided in Chfd. Selectman 1830—'32; representative '49, '50. He d. Feb. 27, 1856.

Ch.: *Levi F.*, b. June 29, 1808; unm.; d. in Chfd., Mar. 26, 1850.—*Noyes*, b. Mar. 14, 1810; m., May 7, 1838, Lucinda, dau. of David W. Goodrich (1); d. Aug. 11, 1842, leaving one dau., Annie L., b. in Caledonia, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1839, and m. Chas. D. Brooks, of Brat.—*Statira*, b. Jan. 18, 1812; m. Royal Shumway, of Langdon.—*Edith*, b. Dec. 9, 1814; m. 1st, Oct. 13, 1835, Lauson Robertson (q. v.); 2d, July 28, 1870, Stephen Kimball. Res. in Alstead.—*Hoyt*, b. Nov., 1816; d. Apr. 6, 1818.—*Phebe D.*, b. Sept. 7, 1818; unm.; d. Dec. 6, 1850.—*Fohn* (12), b. Oct. 20, 1820.—*David D.*, b. Mar. 19, 1823; m., Aug., 1857, Augusta Elliott, of Bath, Me. Res. in Chico. Butte Co., Cal.—*Wilson*, b. Apr. 15, 1825; m. Sarah, dau. of Oliver Adams, of Hins. Res. at present in Cleveland, O.—*Norman A.*, b. Sept. 19, 1827; m., Aug. 9, 1866, Addie L. Taft, of Taftsville, Vt. Res. in Oroville, Cal., where he is superintendent of the "Miocene Mining Co."—*Hannah*, b. Nov. 3, 1830; d. Jan. 1, 1832.—*Loraine E.*, b. Jan. 20, 1832; unm; d. June 11, 1854.

12. JOHN, son of John (4), m. 1st, 1844, Mary Ann, dau. of Joshua W. Chamberlain (5), and who d. July 23, 1863; 2d, June 7, 1864, Mrs. Mary J. Safford, wid. of Frederic H. Safford (q. v.), and dau. of John Town, of Hardwick, Mass. Res. in Chfd. Farmer. Representative 1876, '77.

Ch.: *Fred J.*, b. Oct. 21, 1870.—*Nellie L.*, b. Dec. 6, 1873.

5. EZEKIEL, son of John (2), m. 1st, Edith, dau. of Asahel Farr (5), and who d. in 1813, in her 22d year; 2d, Feb., 1816, Mrs. Jerusha Stone, wid. of Peter Stone (5), and dau. of Zerubbabel Snow (3), and who d. Nov. 30, 1873. He resided in Chfd., on the ancestral farm, during the most of his life, but d. in Brat., Feb. 7, 1859.

Ch. : *Edith M.*, b. Nov. 10, 1816; d. Nov. 6, 1843.—*Joshua S.*, b. Feb. 3, 1819; d. in New Orleans, Feb. 18, 1855.—*Helia Ann*, b. July 27, 1821; unm.; d. July 12, 1866.—*Erastus H.*, b. Nov. 7, 1823; res. in New Orleans.—*Laura P.*, b. Jan. 17, 1827; m., Nov. 11, 1845, Thatcher Perry. Res. in Brat.—*Fane E.*, b. Nov. 6, 1829; m. Lewis S. Higgins, of Brat.; d. Dec. 20, 1861.

6. ERASTUS, son of John (2), m., Dec. 20, 1820, Polly, dau. of Peter Stone (5). He resided in Chfd., on the farm now owned and occupied by Geo. H. F. Colburn, till about 1857, when he rem. to Brat., where he d. Mar. 21, 1859.

Ch. : *Erastus*, b. Apr. 25, 1822; d. Nov. 30, 1823.—*Mary Ann*, b. Jan. 8, 1824; m., May, 1845, Rev. Josiah Marvin, of Alstead.—*Frederic H.*, b. Jan. 26, 1826; m., Oct., 1858, Abbie A. M. Daggett, of Wmd. Carpenter and builder. Res. in Brat.—*Francis W.*, b. Apr. 3, 1828; m., Jan., 1861, Jane Warren, of Newfane, Vt. He d. in Brat., May 12, 1876.—*Ellen A.*, b. Aug. 13, 1830; m., Sept., 1850, Charles E., son of Willard H. Alexander (2).—*Warren S.*, b. Sept. 14, 1832; m., Jan., 1863, Caroline Stone, of Fitchburg, Mass., where he res.—*Ferusha E.*, b. Oct. 1, 1834; m., Nov., 1857, Luther L. White, of Jamaica Plain, Mass.

7. JASON, son of John (2), m. Edith Woods, d. in Worcester, Vt., Feb. 23, 1861, a. nearly 65, and soon rem. to Newbury, Vt., where he lived many years, but finally settled in Worcester, where he d. Aug. 27, 1862.

Ch. : *Charity*, b. 1813; unm.; d. Sept. 14, 1863.—*Caroline*, b. 1815; m., 1838, Moses E. Howard, of Lisbon; d. Jan. 26, 1857.—*Norman A.* b. Dec. 7, 1817; m., May 3, 1846, Charlotte L. Wooster, of Lowell, Mass. Res. in Milford Mass.—*Ellen*, b. 1818; d. Mar., 1839, unm.—*John W.*, b. Nov. 4, 1821; m., Mar. 7, 1855, Abbie G. Carter, of Elmore, Vt.; d. Nov. 26, 1862.—*Sophia M.*, d. a. 15 months.—*Edith*, b. 1826; m., June 8, 1851, Daniel Bennett, of Montpelier, Vt.; d. May, 1858.—*Jeanette*, b. 1827; m., Dec. 17, 1850, Minot M. Harris, of Worcester, Vt.



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8. CLARK, son of John (2), m., 1817, Edith, dau. of Erastus Sargeant (1), and who d. July 4, 1873. In 1831, he rem. to Stukely, P. Q., where he d. Mar. 18, 1867.

Ch.: *Maria F.*, b. June 13, 1818; m., 1835, Philo Phelps. Res. at Waterloo, P. Q.—*Malissa E.*, b. Sept. 25, 1820; m., 1840, Edwin Phelps.—*Maranda E.*, b. Dec. 1, 1823; m., 1843, Lyman Whitcomb. Res. at Waterloo.—*Warren S.*, b. May 5, 1825; unm. Res. at Waterloo.—*Lloyd W.*, b. Aug. 24, 1827; m. twice. Res. in Stukely.—*Hannah M.*, b. Aug. 5, 1833; m., 1866, Frank P. Caswell. Res. in Stanstead, P. Q.—*Chauncey S.*, b. Mar. 28, 1836; m., 1857, Eliza Stone, at Waterloo. He was killed in a railroad accident, Aug. 13, 1874.

9. WILDER, son of John (2), m. 1st, 1817, Harriet, dau. of John Davis (4), and who d. Nov. 20, 1851; 2d, July 5, 1854, Widow Nancy J. Wood, of Saxton's River, Vt., d. Dec., 1869; 3d, July 21, 1871 Widow Mary J. Clark, of Springfield, Vt. In his earlier years he was a carpenter, and worked at his trade pretty extensively. He afterwards engaged in practical farming, living on the farm on which Ezekiel Powers settled when he came to Chfd., and a part of which (including the large white house) is now owned and occupied by Mrs. Lois Farr, widow of the late Lyman P. Farr.

Mr. Harris was also interested for some time in the manufacture of lumber and shingles, in two mills erected for that purpose on Lily Pond brook, near where it empties into the Catsbane. In 1865, he removed to Brattleboro', whither so many of the inhabitants of Chesterfield have gone at one time and another, and where he now resides. Though over 84 years old, the burden of his years rests lightly upon him, and he has the appearance of being much younger than he is. Endowed with a vigorous constitution, he has kept it so by a temperate life. While in Chesterfield, Mr. Harris was always interested in religious matters, and since his removal to Brattleboro' he has contributed liberally to the support of the Methodist church in that place.

Ch.: *George Francis*, b. Mar. 7, 1818; m. 1st, Nov. 25.

1840, Diana, dau. of Orlo Richardson (2), and who d. Sept. 14, 1871; 2d, Jan. 24, 1876, Widow Mary M. Armstrong, of Northville, N. Y. Res. in N. Y. City. For many years he has been engaged in the construction of railways, railway-buildings, and other works. Has 3 ch. living: Harriet D., b. Oct. 29, 1842; Julia A., b. Nov. 23, 1844; George E., b. Sept. 8, 1853.—*Broughton Davis* (13), b. Aug. 16, 1822.—*Gordis Day*, b. Oct. 29, 1824; m., Oct. 29, 1848, Eunice B., dau. of Ziba Albee (2). Res. in Keene. In May, 1864, he went to California, and remained on the Pacific slope till Oct., 1872, spending the most of that period east of the Sierras, in Cal., Nevada, Idaho and Utah, in what is known as the "Great American Desert." July 4, 1870, he discovered some valuable mines in the extreme western part of Utah, in the Pilot Knob range. These mines are called the "Pecoma mines," and were prospected and worked from the time they were discovered till Sept., '72, when they were sold to Messrs. Howland and Aspinwall, of N. Y. City. Mr. Harris then returned to New Hampshire, where he has since resided, and is at present a member of the firm of "Harris Brothers & Co.," general contractors for the construction of railways, public works, &c. Representative from Chfd. in '73, from Keene in '81. He has no ch.—*Urban Wilder*, b. Oct. 18, 1826; unm.; d. Apr. 9, 1857.

13. BROUGHTON D., son of Wilder (9), m., Mar. 24, 1851, Sarah Buell Hollister. Res. in Brat. Having fitted for college at the Chesterfield Academy, and at the Kimball Union Academy, in Meriden, he entered Dartmouth in 1841, and graduated in '45. He studied law for a while in the office of Hon. Asa Keyes, of Brattleboro', and then engaged in the newspaper business, being editor of the "Vermont Phoenix" for a while, and, for several years, of the "Semi-Weekly Eagle." In the spring of 1851 he went to Utah as the first secretary of that Territory, Brigham Young being at that time governor of the same. He soon came in collision, however, with Young and his "saints," respecting the discharge of his official duties. The result was, that Mr. Harris finally refused to disburse the money placed in his hands by the Government, for the benefit



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of the Territory, as he regarded the proceedings of the Mormon authorities as being contrary to the laws of the United States. He then left Utah, and returned every dollar of the money to the treasury of the United States. His action was approved by the Government, and he was soon appointed secretary and acting-governor of New Mexico; but this appointment was declined. In 1847, '48 and '49, he was register of probate for Windham Co., (Vt.), and a member of the Vermont Senate in '60 and '61, being also chairman of the senate committee on military affairs. By appointment of the governor of Vermont, he was a member of the "Peace Congress" which assembled at Washington in the memorable winter of 1860 and '61. For a number of years he has been pretty extensively engaged in the construction of railways.

Ch.: *Mary Buell*, b. Jan. 10, 1856; m., Sept. 15, 1880, John Seymour Wood, lawyer, of New York City.

10. ARAD, son of John (2), m., Nov., 1821, Maria, dau. of Oliver Hastings (7). Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Arad*, b. Apr. 26, 1822; m. Maria Morse, of Grafton, Mass.; d. Jan. 15, 1849.—*Fahial*, b. Dec. 19, 1825; unm.; d. in Forbestown, Cal., Sept. 22, 1874.—*Floyd H.*, b. Aug. 17, 1829; m. Maria McKenney, of Worcester, Mass.—*Caroline M.*, b. Dec. 2, 1836; unm.—*Fosiah*, b. Aug. 31, 1840; m. Martha Moore, of Lancaster, Mass., where he res.—*Emma*, b. Aug. 28, 1844; d. Jan. 27, 1845.

11. NORMAN, son of John (2), m., 1834, Eliza, dau. of Ashbel Wheeler (5), and who d. in San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 5, 1868. He resided a number of years in Cal., where he engaged in mercantile business and in "packing," or the transporting of merchandise, provisions, &c., by means of mules. He d. at Bellows Falls, Vt., July 22, 1875.

Ch.: (Only two lived to adult age.) *Edward*, b. 1835.—*Emma E.*, b. 1842; m., 1862, Henry P. Blanchard, of Boston. Res. in San Francisco.

3. PERLEY, son of Abner (1), b. May 8, 1760, m., 1783, Abi, dau. of Warren Snow (2). He resided in Chfd. till about 1820, when he rem. to Caledonia Co., Vt.

Ch. : *Sarah*, b. Sept. 20, 1784.—*Perley*, b. Dec. 22, 1786.—*Abi*, b. Sept. 12, 1788.—*Waldo Cheney*, b. Nov. 5, 1790; m., 1814, Fanny, dau. of Aaron Smith (8). Rem. first to Burke, Vt., but finally settled near Ashtabula, O.—*Roxana*.—*Lydia*, m. Hiram Pierce, of Dum.—*Salome*, b. Nov. 5, 1796; m., 1815, Alpheus Snow (6); d. July 29, 1862.—*Absalom*, b. probably about 1800; m. Rebecca Tyler; d. in Bath.—*James*, resided in St. Johnsbury, Vt., where he d.—*Theophilus*, unm.; d. in Chfd., at the poor-house, Nov., 1865.

HARRIS, CHARLES R., d. Apr. 21, 1846, in his 29th year; unm.

HART, SAMUEL, was here in 1785. His wife was Jemima ———.

He d. 1799, a. nearly 42. One ch. was recorded, *Polly*, b. May 6, 1790.

HART, NATHANIEL, was here in 1787. His wife was Lydia ———.

The name does not appear after 1798. Two ch. were recorded: *Lucinda W.*, b. Oct. 8, 1795; *Samuel*, b. Dec. 28, 1797.

HARTWELL, JOSEPH, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Elizabeth ———. The name soon disappears. Four ch. were recorded: *Anna*, b. Dec. 1, 1768; *William*, b. Oct. 12, 1770; *Joseph* and *Benjamin*, b. Oct. 14, 1772.

HARTWELL, Capt. JOSIAH, appears to have been in Chfd. in 1780, in October of which year he marched with a few men to join with others in pursuit of the British and Indians who burned Royalton, Vt. (See p. 101.) There is no further record concerning him.

HARVEY.

1. Capt. EBENEZER HARVEY was of Northfield, Mass., in 1758, having come to that town from Sunderland. He appears to have rem. from Northfield to Wincr. and from that town to Chfd. Sept. 17, 1772, he purchased of Elkanah Day, of this town, a part of house-lots Nos. 5 and 5, in the 10th and 11th ranges. This land was near the common at the Centre Village, which was mentioned in the deed as having been conveyed to the town. In June, 1777, he was sentenced by the "court of inquiry" at Keene, to be confined to the limits of his farm, and to pay a fine, for alleged hostility to the American

cause. (See Chap. III.) He appears, also, to have been a zealous partisan of Vermont in the controversy about the "N. H. Grants." (See the same chapter.) He was selectman in 1783 and 1803; representative in 1785. He was the first post-master in Chfd., commissioned by the United States, holding the office from 1802 to '10. His wife was Lucy ——. He d. in 1810.

Ch.: *Delutor*, b. Sept. 5, 1760; m., 1777, Dr. Moses Ellis (q. v.)—*Ora*, b. 1761; d. 1765.—*Rufus* (2), b. Feb. 22, 1763.—*Sarah*, b. Nov. 10, 1764.—*Lucy*, b. 1768; d. 1773.—*Ora* (3), b. Feb. 18, 1770.—*Ebenezer*, b. 1771; d. 1773.—*Ebenezer* (4), b. Jan. 20, 1774.—*Daniel* (5), b. Dec. 29, 1775.—*Lucy*, b. Dec. 8, 1777; m. (probably), 1803, Levi Davis.—*Erastus*, b. Sept. 17, 1779; d. June 25, 1794.

2. RUFUS, son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1786, Rachel, dau. of Eli Pattridge (1), and who d. Jan. 11, 1840. Resided in Chfd. Was deputy-sheriff many years. He d. May 29, 1840.

Ch.: *Lemira*, b. Oct. 10, 1786; m., 1805, Levi Mead (2); d. May 10, 1862.—*Henry*, b. May 9, 1788; m. Susan Smith. He became a prosperous banker at Lockport, N. Y.—*Fanny*, b. Feb. 6, 1790; m. John Farnsworth; d. at Saxton's River, Vt., July 19, 1862.—*Sophia*, b. Dec. 25, 1791; m., 1850, John Day (3).—*Sarah*, b. Feb. 16, 1794; m., Mar. 1, 1821, Warham R. Platts (q. v.).—*Rufus* (6), b. Sept. 13, 1797.—*Clarinda*, b. Jan. 15, 1802; m., Feb. 18, 1829, Seth Hapgood; d. at Bellows Falls, Vt., Aug. 27, 1878.

6. RUFUS, son of Rufus (2), m. 1st, Apr. 26, 1821, Mary Priscilla, dau. of Aija Walker (2), and who d. July 9, 1837, in her 33d year; 2d, June 13, 1838, Rhoda Ann, dau. of Levi Chapin, of Walpole. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Mar. 29, 1868.

Ch.: *Horace H.*, b. Mar. 22, 1822; m., Apr. 3, 1845, Orsaline K., dau. of Abel Stoddard (9); d. in Chfd., May 16, 1853, leaving 2 ch.: Henry W., m. Maria Gray, of Hins., and res. in Keene; Albert H., m. Lillie Simonds, of Brat., and res. in Boston.—*John Platts*, b. Sept. 16, 1839; unm. Soon after the civil war broke out, he was commissioned captain of Co. E, 12th Regt. Ill. Cavalry, which company was mostly recruited by himself. He d. at Camp Butler, Springfield, Ill.,

Apr. 21, 1862, having fallen a victim to typhoid fever, which thus early terminated a career that gave every promise of being useful to his country and honorable to himself.—*Hermon Chapin*, b. Feb. 7, 1842; m., Feb. 17, 1870, Ella M., dau. of James H. Goodrich (3). Res. in Chfd. Farmer and cattle-dealer; justice of the peace; town-clerk '68, '70-'73, '77 to the present time. Has 3 ch.: Agnes E., b. Nov. 19, 1873; Melvin G., b. Sept. 15, 1875; Edward H., b. Oct. 4, 1878.—*Melvin Gorden*, b. June 26, 1844; d. Feb. 28, 1862.

3. ORA, son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1790, Polly, dau. of Samuel King (2), and who d. Mar. 21, 1846. Resided in Chfd. He d. Apr. 15, 1843.

Ch.: *Arad H.*, b. Dec. 15, 1792.—*Erastus*, b. June 19, 1795; d. 1812.—*Thirza*, b. Sept. 14, 1797.—*Valloma*, b. Dec. 26, 1799; m. Seth Tucker; d. in Winchendon, Mass.—*Willard*, b. Nov. 16, 1808.—*Octavia*, b. Mar. 14, 1811; d. Aug. 14, 1848, unm.—*Mary Ann*, b. Aug. 6, 1813.—*Adeline*. [A dau., *Thirza*, d. Sept. 27, 1792, a. 18 months]

4. EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1802, Nancy Mixer. He rem. to the State of N. Y. probably between 1815 and '19. Selectman 1804 and '05.

Ch.: (So far as known) *Emily*, b. June 29, 1803; res. in Albion, N. Y.—*Norman E.*, b. Dec. 26, 1805; res. in Albion.—*Nancy*.

5. DANIEL, son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1800, Sarah, dau. of Rev. Abraham Wood (1), and who d. Sept. 6, 1862. He d. in Chfd., Aug. 23, 1841.

Ch.: *Elvira*, b. July 25, 1801; m., 1825, Elias Mead (6).—*Daniel Loring* (7). b. Jan. 29, 1803.—*Erastus*, b. Jan. 26, 1805; d. many years ago.—*George B.*, b. Aug. 20, 1810; d. in infancy.—*George B.*, b. Sept. 20, 1812; m. 1st, 1840, Lucy Butler; 2d, July 11, 1875, Widow Nancy Frink. Res. in Chfd. Has no ch.—*Charles W.*, b. Feb. 15, 1816; unm. Res. in Boston.—*Ebenezer Prescott*, b. June 17, 1820; m., Jan. 22, 1853, Josephine H. Mullen. Res. in Norwalk, Conn.

7. DANIEL L., son of Daniel (5), m., Dec. 7, 1827, Elizabeth, dau. of Abraham and Betsey Moore, of Peterboro', and who

was b. Mar. 6, 1810. Resided in Chfd. He d. May 25, 1878.

Ch.: *Charles L.*, b. June 4, 1828; m., Jan. 17, 1860, *Martha A. Trask*, of Keene.—*Mary J.*, b. May 11, 1830; m., May 11, 1851, *Charles J. Amidon* (3).—*Elvira C.*, b. July 21, 1832; m., May 1, 1860, *Joseph W.*, son of *Martin Titus* (2).—*Martha A.*, b. Mar. 2, 1834; m., Aug. 13, 1861, *George S.*, son of *David S. Fletcher* (4); d. July 8, 1870.—*Sarah M.*, b. Mar. 24, 1835; d. Dec. 7, 1839.—*Alice F.*, b. Nov. 9, 1842; d. Sept. 4, 1865, unm.—*Lloyd B.*, b. June 12, 1845; d. Sept. 8, 1863.—*Ella F.*, b. Jan. 29, 1851.

HARVEY.

1. **ISAIAH HARVEY**, probably brother of Dr. Solomon Harvey (q. v.), was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Mary ———. He may have d. before 1787. Only 2 ch. were recorded in the records of this town: *Polly*, b. July 19, 1783; *Lucy*, b. Mar. 20, 1786. To these should probably be added the following, all, perhaps, older than *Polly*: *Isaiah*, d. in Potter (?) P. Q. — *Foel*, m. in Chfd., 1797, *Susanna Farr*; d. in Concord. Vt. — *Solomon* (2), b. Jan. 27, 1781. — *John*, d. at Island Pond (?) Vt. *Isaiah*, Sen., appears to have had, also, a dau., *Lydia*, m., 1808, *Willard Witt* (3).
2. **SOLOMON**, probably son of *Isaiah* (1), m., 1799, *Sally Mason*, b. Dec. 20, 1781, and d. in Londonderry, Vt., Mar. 28, 1843. He d. at West Brat., Sept. 9, 1862.

Ch.: *Laura*, b. Nov. 11, 1800; m. ——— Gorton; d. at Hopkinton, Mass.—*Edith*, b. Dec. 15, 1802; m. ——— Rugg; d. in Peru, Vt.—*Ora*, b. Aug. 25, 1806; res. in Clinton, Clinton Co., Iowa.—*Kimball*, b. Jan. 25, 1809; res. in Crescent, Saratoga Co., N. Y.—*George H.* and *John H.*, b. in Chfd., Sept. 27, 1819. *George H.* is a physician at West Brat.; *John H.* went to what is now Idaho Territory about 1861, and has not been heard from since.

HARVEY, MOSES, 1770—before 1787.

HARVEY, Dr. **SOLOMON**, probably brother of *Isaiah Harvey* (1), was in Dum. in 1773, of which town he was clerk several years. He appears to have settled in Chfd. in 1775 or '76, and to have taken an active part in the affairs of the town during

the Revolution. In 1788, he was chosen to represent Chfd. in the convention that adopted the Federal Constitution. (See p. 105.) Selectman 1789-'92; town-clerk 1800-'17. His wife was Mary ———. He probably d. in Chfd., after 1820. Only one ch. was recorded, *Mary*, b. in Dum., Apr. 22, 1773.

HARVEY, Dr. ZACHARIAH, b. at Taunton, Mass., d. in Chfd., Feb. 15, 1801, a. 89 yrs. 9 mos. 2 days. His wife, Amy, b. at Pomfret, Conn., d. in 1802, in her 89th year.

HASKELL, BENJAMIN, was in Chfd. in 1784. His wife was Susanna, dau. of Benjamin Stone (1). He appears to have settled on lot No. 12 or 13, in the 13th range. Justice of the peace; selectman 1784, '87, '88, '98, '99; representative '89, '99, 1800. Some of his descendants now live at Ascott, Lower Canada; but whether he himself rem. to that town, has not been ascertained. He rem. from Chfd., however, between 1815 and '19.

Ch.: *Emme*, b. Mar. 22, 1779; m., 1804, Thomas, son of Thomas Davis (q. v.)—*Huldah*, b. Oct. 7, 1780.—*Benjamin*, b. Feb. 19, 1782. He may have rem. from the town about 1806, as his name does not appear on the tax-lists after 1805.—*John*, b. Apr. 27, 1784.—*Sylvester*, b. Oct. 30, 1785.—*Susanna*, b. July 27, 1787; d. 1788.—*Sewell*, b. Sept. 9, 1790.—*Fanny*, b. Dec. 16, 1793.

HASKELL, JULIA, m., 1804, Jacob Davis.

HASTINGS.

2. Ensign ANDREW HASTINGS, brother of Josiah Hastings (3), was in Chfd. in 1772, which year he purchased house-lot No. 8, in the 9th range. His wife was Sarah ———. Selectman 1780. He d. in 1794, a. 56.

Ch.: *Thaddeus*, d. 1773, in his 8th year.—*Lebbeus*, d. 1773, in his 6th year.—*Esther*, d. 1773, in infancy.—*Oliver S.*, b. June 30, 1771; d. 1773.—*Andrew* (4), b. Oct. 29, 1773.—*Levi* (5), b. Jan. 18, 1776.—*Sarah*, b. Nov. 1, 1777; m. (probably), 1795, David, son of David Farr (2)—*Mary*, b. Nov. 10, 1779; m., 1797, Washington Farr (7); d. Mar. 31, 1831.—*Fude*, b. Sept. 14, 1781; d. 1795.—*Lebina*, b. Aug. 1, 1788; m., 1808, Gerzilla Evans, of Wmd.—*Matilda*, b. Jan. 1, 1784; m. Isaac Wheeler (3).—*Thomas*, b. Nov. 13, 1785. [The first four ch. d. between Mar. 30 and Apr. 17.]

4. ANDREW, son of Andrew (2), m. Rhoda, dau. of Wm. Farr (2), and who committed suicide by drowning herself in the well near her father's residence, Oct. 18, 1836. Andrew d. before 1836.

Ch.: *William*, b. Dec. 11, 1795.—*Chancey*.—*Stewart*.—*Lydia*, d. young.—*Edwin*.—*Loring*.

5. LEVI, son of Andrew (2), m., 1799, Edith, dau. of David Farr (2).

Ch.: *Thaddeus*, b. Nov. 26, 1799; m. Adaline, dau. of Josiah Hastings (8). Rem. to Malone, N. Y.—*Betsey*, b. Sept. 20, 1801.—*Fude*, b. Feb. 22, [probably 1803].—*Edith*, b. Jan. 5, 1805.—*Almira*, b. Sept. 27, 1806.—*Andrew*, b. Sept. 24, 1808.—*Damaris*, b. June 18, 1810.

3. JOSIAH HASTINGS, brother of Andrew Hastings (2), was in Chfd. in 1770. He settled near the river, in the south-west quarter of the town, on what has long been known as the "Hastings farm," and which is now owned and occupied by Thomas Sumner. His wife was Mary Hartwell. Soldier 1775, '77. He d. Dec. 14, 1810, in his 84th year.

Ch.: *Lucy*, m. Jacob Davis (3); d. between Oct., 1780, and Apr., 1781.—*Thomas*, d. 1776, in his 16th year.—*Sarah*, m., 1783, Charles Higgins (3).—*Molly* (twin-sister of Sarah), m., 1783, Ebenezer Safford (1); d. Aug. 28, 1810, in her 48th year.—*Peter H.*, d. 1776, in his 12th year.—*Sabrina*, m. Moses Farr (4).—*Jonathan* (6), b. Apr. 26, 1769.—*Oliver* (7), b. June 25, 1773.—*Josiah* (8), b. Feb. 3, 1776.—*Rockselana* (*Roxana*), b. Aug. 25, 1778; m., 1796, Abijah, son of David Farr (2).—*Lucy*, b. Apr. 25, 1781, (after the death of the first Lucy, wife of Jacob Davis); m. Barna Pratt (q. v.); d. Sept. 1, 1863.

6. JONATHAN, son of Josiah (3), m. Selome Burt. He d. in Hartford, Conn., many years ago.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Wilder*, b. Sept. 20, 1790; m., 1815, Elizabeth, dau. of John Day (2). Had no ch.—*Oliver*, b. Dec. 31, 1791; m. Sybil Emmons.—*Lybeus*, b. June 23, 1793; m., in LeRoy, N. Y., Sophia Barrett.—*Sally*, b. Feb. 2, 1795; m., 1814, Gardner, son of James Snow (4).—*Orpha*, b. Sept. 4, 1797; rem. to Utah.

7. OLIVER, son of Josiah (3), m., 1796, Susanna, dau. of Silas Barrett, of Hins., and who d. Nov. 12, 1865, a. 89. Resided in Chfd. He d. Feb. 13, 1858.

Ch.: *Harriet*, b. Sept. 9, 1798; m., 1818, Jona. Cobleigh (2); d. Apr. 4, 1879.—*Norman* (9), b. Oct. 26, 1800.—*Maria*, b. May 29, 1803; m., Nov., 1821, Arad Harris (10).—*Mary Ann*, b. Nov. 11, 1805; m. Otis Barrett, of Hins.—*Phenicy*, b. Aug. 31, 1807; m., 1827, Oliver Farnsworth (2).—*Oliver* (10), b. May 31, 1813.—*Josiah*, b. Feb. 5, 1816; m. Adeline, dau. of Perley Barrett, of Hins., and who d. Jan. 5, 1873, a. 50. He d. in Chfd., May 12, 1861. Had 2 ch.: Helen M., m. Henry Adams, of Hins., where she d.; Roena A., m. Geo. Franklin, and d. in Brat.

9. NORMAN, son of Oliver (7), m., 1819, Deborah, dau. of John Harris (2). Resided in Chfd. till 1881, when he rem. to Hins., and thence to Auburn, N. Y., where he now lives.

Ch.: *Theda H.*, b. Nov. 29, 1822; m. Gardner McFarland, of Worcester, Mass. Res. in Auburn, N. Y.—*Norman N.*, b. Jan. 22, 1824; m. 1st, Julia Forbush; 2d, Charlotte Fales. Res. at West Brookfield, Mass.—*Charlotte M.*, b. May 3, 1827; m. Albert Hovey, of Worcester, Mass.; d. Apr. 6, 1860.—*Elizabeth C.*, b. Apr. 25, 1830; m. Nymphas P. Stone, of Worcester. Res. in Auburn, N. Y.—*Foster W.*, b. Aug. 30, 1833; m. Sarah J. Shaw, of Worcester. Resides at present in Charlestown (N. H.) Has 2 ch.: Olen, b. Feb. 7, 1871; Ella J., b. Jan. 27, 1873.—*John F.*, b. May 12, 1836; m. Florence Colby, of Brat., where he res.—*Mary Ann*, b. June 3, 1837; m. Frank Tarbel. Res. in Troy, N. Y.—*Herbert R.*, b. Oct. 22, 1839; m., Sept. 10, 1865, Lucy Ann, dau. of Chas. A. Hubbard, of Hins. At present farmer in Hins. Has one dau., Lottie M., b. Dec. 17, 1868.—*Elon C.*, b. Oct. 10, 1842; unm.—*Anna F.*, b. Dec. 22, 1844; m. Wayne Tracey, of Springfield, Mass.

10. OLIVER, son of Oliver (7), m. 1st, Miranda, dau. of Roswell Powers (2), and who d. May 6, 1860; 2d, Mar., 1865, Widow Bethana Pierce, of Hins. Resided in Chfd. He d. May 12, 1871.

Ch.: *Eugene F.*, b. Nov. 18, 1842; m. Lizzie Butler, of Hins., where he res.—*George L.*, b. Dec. 5, 1844; m. Sarah Ingraham, of Williamsville, Vt.—*Eveline E.*, b. Oct. 9, 1851; d. 1855 —*Frank R.*, b. July 4, 1853; d. Oct. 15, 1858.

8. JOSIAH, son of Josiah (3), m., 1800, Polly, dau. of Benjamin Wheeler (2). Colonel in the militia. About 1821, he rem. to Malone, or vicinity, N. Y., where he was frozen to death.

Ch.: *Charlotte* (half-sister of the following), b. Mar. 24, 1796; m. Bradley Mead (4).—*Shubel*, m., 1825, Rhoda, dau. of Washington Farr (7). He rem. to Malone, N. Y., where he resided a number of years, but died in Chateaugay, the same State, May 2, 1879.—*Jonathan*, rem. to Malone.—*Salome*, m., 1820, Wm. C., son of Solomon Clark (1).—*Adaline*, m. Thaddeus, son of Levi Hastings (5).—*Arvilla*, m. ——— Sargent, in Malone.

HAVEN, ELKANAH, settled in Chfd. before 1787. He had a dau., *Submit*, b. in Framingham, Mass., June 28, 1767; m., 1789, Zephaniah Davis (2).

HAVEN, ELIAS, appears to have been in Chfd. from about 1792 to about 1806. His wife was Rebecca ———. Three ch. were recorded: *Zelotus*, b. Sept. 6, 1794; *Curtis*, b. May 13, 1796; *Samuel*, b. July 14, 1799.

HENRY.

1. WILLIAM HENRY is said to have come from Lunenburg, Mass. He appears to have settled in Chfd. between 1770 and '76. His wife was Mary Conn, who, after his death, m. John Phillips (q. v.) According to the inscription on his gravestone, he "died greatly lamented," Nov. 7, 1783, in his 37th year.

Ch.: *Mary* m. Stephen, son of Thomas Willard (3).—*James* (2).—*William*, b. Mar. 13, 1776; d. at sea when a young man.—*Betty*, b. Dec. 22, 1778; m. Samuel Atherton.—*Eunice*, b. Apr. 14, 1781; m. John Haile, father of Wm. Haile (q. v.)—*Freelove*, b. Nov. 16, 1783; unm.; d. July 24, 1847.

2. JAMES, son of William (1), m., 1798, Mary, dau. of Gibson Willard (2), and who d. Feb. 25, 1850. He resided several years in Chfd., but passed the most of his life in Swzy., where he d. Feb. 11, 1854

Ch.: *Frederick W.*, b. Dec. 16, 1798; d. Feb. 9, 1821.—*Rebecca H.*, b. Oct. 20, 1800; unm. Res. in Swzy.—*John P.* (3), b. Sept. 2, 1806.—*Willard* (4), b. Feb. 1, 1809.—*Mary F.*, m. Chas. Brown, of Wincr.—*Betsey E.*, m., 1845, Jay Jackson (6); d. Mar. 14, 1870, a. 55.

- 3 JOHN P., son of James (2), m., 1834, Laura, dau. of Amaziah Stone (4), and who, after her husband's death, m., 1850, David Holman (1). She d. Mar. 21, 1863. He d. in Swzy., Aug. 14, 1847.

Ch.: (All b. in Swzy. except the first two) *Maria A.*, b. in Chfd. July 1, 1836; m., Dec. 26, 1855, Chas. W. Adams. Res. in San Francisco, Cal.—*John Harfield*, b. in Chfd., Mar. 4, 1838; m., Jan. 16, 1861, Addie E., dau. of Horace Scott (5). Res. at present in Hins.—*Elizabeth L.*, b. June 27, 1840; m., Feb. 28, 1872, Edwin W. Clark. Res. in Amherst, Mass.—*Charles E.*, b. May 15, 1842; m., Sept. 7, 1865, Julia S. Fiske. Res. in Dixon, Cal.—*James S.*, b. Mar. 8, 1844; m., Jan. 29, 1868, Lizzie A., dau. of Elisha and Arvilla (Dickinson) Hills, of Swzy. Resides in Amherst, Mass.—*George L.*, b. Apr. 3, 1846; m., Dec. 14, 1876, Abbie H. Whipple. Res. in Amherst, Mass.

4. WILLARD, son of James (2), m. 1st, 1834, Mary B. Shaw, d. 1855; 2d, Oct. 8, 1856, Emily, dau. of Samuel Goodrich (1), and who d. Mar. 15, 1873; 3d, 1877, Widow Sarah M. Reed, of Fitzwilliam. Farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Nathaniel C.*, b. Sept. 21, 1837; m. 1st, Nov. 9, 1864, Augusta M. Snow, of Swzy., d. Dec. 25, 1868; 2d, Dec. 15, 1872, Jennie N. Chamberlin, of North Dana, Mass.—*Mary E.*, b. Nov. 18, 1839; m. Adna Monroe, of Fitzwilliam.—*Lydia A.*, b. Oct. 7, 1841; m. Chas. Monroe, of Fitzwilliam.—*Hubbard W.*, b. Feb. 6, 1844; d. at Alexandria, Va., Feb. 7, 1864.—*Martha F.*, b. July 1, 1846; d. young.—*Ella F.*, b. Sept. 21, 1848; m. Geo. J. Ripley, of Wincr.—*Emily F.*, b. Oct. 16, 1852; m. Edson Franklin, of Swzy.—*John G.*, b. Feb. 23, 1858. Physician, having graduated at the Dartmouth Medical College in Nov., 1880.

HENRY, FRANCIS, brother of Wm. Henry (1), m. Tabitha —, d. Feb. 25, 1840, a. 76. He d. in Chfd. (having lived here many years), Feb. 27, 1841, a. 87. Had no ch.

HENRY, FRANCIS, *Second*, nephew of Wm. Henry (1), m., 1816, Pamela Brown. He resided in Chfd. till about 1857, when he rem. to Rindge.

Ch.: *Horace*, b. Nov. 30, 1817.—*Hepsy*, b. Mar. 15, 1820.—*Harriet*, b. Mar. 30, 1823.—*Susan B.*, b. July 8, 1825.—*Ellen S.*, b. Oct. 24, 1831; d. 1833.—*George*, b. Aug. 20, 1833; m., Apr. 4, 1854, Frances E., dau. of Bradley Mead (4), and rem. to Randolph, Mass. He enlisted in the 35th Regt. Mass. volunteers, Aug. 14, 1862; was wounded at the battle of Antietam, Md., the 17th of Sept. following, and d. at Washington, Nov. 3, the same year.—*James W.*, b. Sept. 16, 1835.—*Sophia E.*, b. July 24, 1838.

HERRICK.

1. SHADRACH HERRICK came from Dum. to Chfd. probably in 1785, and settled on the farm afterwards owned and occupied by Wm. Smith Cressey. He m. in Brat., Dec. 23, 1779, Abigail, dau. of David Stoddard (1), and who d. Mar. 26, 1835, in her 74th year. He d. June 19, 1832, in his 77th.

Ch.: *Silas* (2), b. Sept. 13, 1780.—*Samuel* (3).—*Joanna*, m., 1805, Elijah Walton (3); d. Jan. 25, 1864, a. 81.—*Shadrach*, b. May 24, 1785; m., 1807, Surrussa, dau. of Edmond Farnsworth (1); d. in Buffalo, N. Y., Mar., 1835.—*Mason* (4), b. May 14, 1787.—*Abigail*, b. July 24, 1789; m. Abner H., son of John Cobleigh (1); d. in Sutton, Vt., Apr. 21, 1842.—*Ralph* (5), b. Aug. 15, 1791.—*Zimri* (6).—*Arathusa*, m., 1833, Jairus Haven, of Dum.; d. in Chfd., Feb. 23, 1853, a. 58.—*Belinda*, b. Dec. 12, 1794 (?); m., 1815, Jonathan Davis (6); d. in Newark, Vt., Sept. 12, 1866.—*Ira* (7).—*Sophia*, unm.; d. in Sutton, Vt., July 27, 1828, a. 27.—*Alanson* (8), b. July 22, 1803.—*Eliza*, b. May 8, 1805; m., 1831, Nathan R. Symonds (q. v.); d. Mar. 2, 1881.

2. SILAS, son of Shadrach (1), m. 1st, Sally Bliss, of Royalston, Mass., b. Aug. 1, 1780, and d. 1812; 2d, Sukey Rogers, of Royalston, b. Oct. 4, 1789, and d. Jan. 15, 1865. Resided in Chfd. many years. He d. Mar. 6, 1869.

Ch.: *Silas M.*, d. in infancy.—*Betsey*, b. Aug. 16, 1806; m. Wm. Lancey; d. 1865. Mr. Lancey resided a while in

Chfd., and was superintendent in Capt. Brooks' factory. He afterwards rem. to Springfield, Mass., and was killed by the explosion of a steamboat boiler, the construction of which he had superintended—*Miranda*, b. Aug. 11, 1808; m. Horace Scott (5); d. Oct. 10, 1849.—*Silas M.*, b. Feb. 18, 1814; d. 1830.—*Marshall* (9), b. Dec. 11, 1818.—*Susan*, b. Jan. 27, 1820; m. C. A. Cook.—*John L.*, b. Apr. 18, 1823.—*Francis R.*, b. Mar. 10, 1825; m. 1st, Almira Pierce, of Millbury, Mass., d. Sept. 15, 1860; 2d, Ellen Pitts, of Millbury, where he res.—*Sarah R.*, b. July 4, 1827; m. John Fowler, of Brat.—*Charles P.*, b. Sept. 25, 1829; m. Maria Hall; d. May 20, 1880.—*William A.*, b. Nov. 15, 1831; unm.—*James M.*, b. May 24, 1834; m. Addie Carter, of Hins.

9. MARSHALL, son of Silas (2), m. 1st, Deborah A. Cook, b. Aug. 12, 1818, and d. Dec. 24, 1852; 2d, Philana F. Garfield, b. Aug. 8, 1822. Res. in Athol, Mass.

Ch.: *Merrill D.*, b. Sept. 2, 1843; m. Mary Harrington, of Orange, Mass.—*Amelia Ann*, b. Apr. 10, 1847.—*John P.*, b. Apr. 24, 1849; m. Louisa Mayo, of Orange.—*Leroy C.*, b. Apr. 18, 1861.—*Charles G.*, b. Aug. 23, 1865.

3. SAMUEL, son of Shadrach (1), m. Lucretia Field, of Brat. He d. in Wilbraham, Mass., July 13, 1868.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Ann*, m. Alvah Smith, of Northampton, Mass.—*Wealthy*, m. Robert Crosset, of Springfield, Mass.—*Electa*, m. Justin Smith, of Northampton.—*Abbie*, m. ——— Knight, of Palmer, Mass.—*Chester*, m. ——— Nichols, of Brat.—*Rosetta*, d. unm.

4. MASON, son of Shadrach (1), m., 1809, Sally, dau. of John Sanderson (4), and who d. Aug. 19, 1868, a. 81. Resided in Chfd. He d. July 11, 1852.

Ch.: *Nelson W.*, b. Dec. 25, 1811; m., Oct. 5, 1840, Jane L., daughter of Rev. Hosea Beckley (1). Resided in Chfd. Town-clerk '39-'42. He d. Nov. 10, 1850. A son, Webster H., was b. Feb. 27, 1842, and d. Aug. 8, 1870. He served over two years, in the civil war, in the 1st Regt. Conn. artillery.—*Lydia F.*, b. Aug. 13, 1813; d. Oct. 17, 1814.—*Lydia F.*, b. Jan. 26, 1815; m., Apr. 29, 1839, Alexander Chandler

(3).—*John W.*, b. Mar. 9, 1817; m. 1st, Oct. 13, 1841, Nancy M. Hill; 2d, May 13, 1862, Mrs. Juliette Kelton; d. in Keene, June 15, 1879.—*Sarah E.*, b. May 4, 1819; m., Oct. 11, 1838, W. Alonzo Farr (7); d. Mar. 23, 1878.—*Fane W.*, b. Nov. 20, 1821; m., Mar. 22, 1842, Thomas L. Hall, of Sutton, Mass.—*George M.*, b. Mar. 28, 1824; d. Aug. 19, 1848, unm.—*Martha P.*, b. Mar. 2, 1827; m., Oct. 27, 1847, Lloyd D. Richardson; d. in Keene, Sept. 19, 1849.—*Jarib S.*, b. Nov. 10, 1832; m., Sept. 13, 1855, Sarah E. Reed, of Keene.

5. RALPH, son of Shadrach (1), m. Lucinda, dau. of Nathan Thomas, of Hins. He d. in Brat., Feb., 1836.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Edward*, res. in New Orleans.—*Sabrina*, m. ——— Cummings.—*Lucinda*, m. James Easton, of North Adams, Mass.—*Charles*, res. in Jersey City, N. J.—*Henry*, d. unm.—*O'iver*, d. unm.—*Sophia*.—*Lottie*, m. Samuel Bassett, of Manchester, Vt.

6. ZIMRI, son of Shadrach (1), m. , 1816, Mary, dau. of Jotham Brigham (2), and who d. Apr. 27, 1878. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 24, 1849.

Ch.: *Mary T.*, b. June 9, 1817; m. 1st, Wm. A. Adams; 2d, Chas. W. Adams. Res. in Burke, Vt.—*Adaline P.*, b. Dec. 25, 1818; m. A. Judson Streeter, of Hins.—*Shubel R.*, b. Aug. 27, 1820; m. 1st, Lucy A. Shattuck; 2d, Eliza I. Baker; 3d, Hannah Wesson. Res. in Ashburnham, Mass.—*Persis B.*, b. Jan. 26, 1823; m. Chester F. Whitney. Res. in Ashburnham.—*Rawson B.*, b. June 28, 1829; m. Juliaett, dau. of Mark Cook (2). Res. in Ashburnham.—*Noyes B.*, b. Sept. 21, 1833; m. 1st, Sarah E. Whitney; 2d, Lucy Ellis. Res. in Ashburnham.

7. IRA, son of Shadrach (1), m. Eveline S. Alexander, b. 1803. He d. in Royalston, Mass., Dec. 1, 1868, a. 70.

Ch.: *Faronne W.*, b. Mar. 2, 1826.—*Fanette W.*, b. Nov. 3, 1828.—*James W.*, b. Jan. 19, 1830. He enlisted, in the civil war, in Co. I, 25th Regt. Mass. vols., and d. at Fort Schuyler before the expiration of his term of service.—*Maria A.*, b. Feb. 11, 1834.—*Julius T.*, b. Jan. 5, 1837.—*Cornelia A.*, b. 1839; m. Henry Butler, of Hins.

8. ALANSON, son of Shadrach (1), m., Jan. 1, 1833, Lovilla, dau. of Emerson Burnham, of Hins., and who was b. Aug. 28, 1813. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Angelia C. M.*, b. Dec. 13, 1833; unm.; d. Mar. 8, 1874.—*Minerva C. E.*, b. July 2, 1836; m. Benj. F. Mead, of Keene; d. July 11, 1875.—*Emory D.*, b. Oct. 9, 1838; m., Jan., 1880, Emma M. Carver, of Manchester, Vt. Farmer in Chfd.—*Lyman Dwight*, b. July 1, 1845; m., Oct. 20, 1870, G. Josie, dau. of J. G. Warren, of Keene. Res. in Brat.—*Emma R.*, b. Mar. 28, 1852; m., Oct. 20, 1870, Lawyer Daniel K. Healey, of Keene.—*Flora B*, b. Jan. 10, 1856; d. May 14, 1876, unm.

HIGGINS.

1. JOSEPH HIGGINS was in Chfd. in 1770. He settled in the western part of the town, near the "river road." Wife's name not known. He had, at least, 3 sons: *Joseph* (2), *Charles* (3), and *Pelatihah*. The name of the last disappears about 1800.
2. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), m., 1782, Lydia, dau. of Abner Harris (1). He may have rem. from the town before 1800. The following ch. were recorded: *Darius*, b. Aug. 2, 1782.—*Hannah*, b. June 4, 1784.—*Benjamin*, b. July 18, 1786.—*Joseph*, b. Sept. 28, 1788.—*Dorothy*, b. Feb. 16, 1791.
3. CHARLES, son of Joseph (1), m., 1783, Sarah, dau. of Josiah Hastings (3). He d. in Chfd., about 1810.

Ch.: *Susanna*, b. Feb. 17, 1784; m. Lewis Brewer, of Royalston, Mass.—*Lucina* and *Lucinda*, b. Mar. 2, 1786. *Lucina* m., 1809, Rufus Barrett, of Hins.; *Lucinda* d. unm.—*Thomas*, b. July 10, 1788; m. Lepha Peabody, of Northfield, Mass. Resided in Chfd. till 1831 or '32, when he rem. to the State of N. Y. He is said to have started afterwards for Texas, and has never been heard from since.—*Abial*, b. May 28, 1791; m. Harry Barrett, of Hins.—*Mary*, m. Thomas Emmons.—*Hartwell*, m., 1815, Fanny Kingsbury.—*Lucy*, d. unm.—*Josiah* (4), b. Feb. 3, 1802.—*Harriet*, d. young.

4. JOSIAH, son of Charles (3), m., Jan. 10, 1828, Lucy, dau. of John Kneeland (q. v.), and who d. Oct. 17, 1872. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Mary M.*, b. July 28, 1829; m., Apr. 8, 1851, William Holman (4).—*Arza A.*, b. Mar. 13, 1831; m. 1st, Sarah, dau. of Jacob T. White (2); 2d, Elsie Field, of Swzy.; 3d, Dora Cram, of Vt. Res. in Swzy.—*Henry H.*, b. May 16, 1835; m. Emma Whitcomb; d. Aug. 17, 1864.—*Sidney B.*, b. Sept. 27, 1841; m. ———. Res. in Baxter, Jasper Co., Iowa.

HILDRETH.

2. JONATHAN HILDRETH, brother of Samuel Hildreth (3), of Wm. Hildreth (4), and of Edward Hildreth (5), settled in Wmd. as early as 1751, having rem. to that town (according to family tradition) from Petersham, Mass. He seems to have come to Chfd. about 1763, and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Watson Wheeler. He m. 1st, Mary ———, d. in Wmd. in 1751; 2d, Phebe ———, d. in Wmd. in 1758; 3d, Dinah ———. Selectman 1767, '70, '79. He appears to have d. after 1805.

Ch.: *Jonathan*, b. in Wmd., Mar. 14, 1753; m., 1778, Lucy Bingham. Soldier 1777.—*Reuben*, b. in Putney, Vt., May 4, 1755; m., 1781, Susanna, dau. of John Sanderson (1).—*Shilliel R.*, b. in Wmd., Jan. 10, 1758.—*Isaac D.*, b. in Wmd., Jan. 8, 1760; d. in Chfd. 1766.—*Martin* (6), b. in Wmd., Aug. 6, 1761.—*Lotan* (7), b. (probably) in Chfd., Mar. 29, 1763.—*Phebe*, b. Dec. 12, 1765; m., 1784, Abel Fletcher (1).—*Edward*, b. Sept. 14, 1767.—*Adams*, b. Oct. 18, 1769; m., 1795, Sally Baldwin.—*Dinah*, b. July 8, 1771; d. 1772.—*Dinah*, b. Feb. 24, 1773.—*Tola*, b. Sept. 1, 1774; d. the same year.—*Sarah*, b. Feb. 19, 1776.—*Luna*, b. July 31, 1778; d. 1785.

6. MARTIN, son of Jonathan (2), m., 1782, Zilpah Eager, d. Feb. 9, 1848, a 88. Soldier 1779. He d. in Chfd.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Martin*, d. in Boston.—*Rufus*, rem. to N. Y. State.—*Alpheus*, rem. to N. Y. State.—*Harry*, rem. to N. Y. State.—*Eager*, d. 1798, young.—*Nathan*, d. in Chfd., Jan. 20, 1870.—*Sophia*, m. Samuel Holland (1); d. Oct. 30, 1855, a. 67.—*Otis*, d. in Chfd., 1824.—*George*, m., 1824, Louisa, dau. of Jacob P. Hubbard (9); d. in Chfd., Oct., 1851.—*Phebe*, m. Joseph Parmenter; d. Jan. 23, 1859, in her 55th year.

7. LOTAN, son of Jonathan (2), m. Sarah Piercé, b. in Petersham, Mass., and d. in Chfd., Jan. 19, 1852, a. 88. Resided in Chfd. He d. June 3, 1812.

Ch.: *Polly*, b. May 16, 1785; d. the same year.—*Luna*, b. Jan. 24, 1787; m. 1st, 1805, Levi, son of Abel Fletcher (1); 2d, 1815, Jacob P. Hubbard (9); d. Feb. 20, 1870.—*Leonard*, b. Aug. 3, 1789; m. Clarissa, dau. of Amos Davis (2). Rem. to Crown Point, N. Y.—*Lotan*, b. Jan. 8, 1792; d. at Crown Point.—*Phebe*, b. Aug. 9, 1794; m. Squire Streeter (4).—*Africa* (8), b. Apr. 1, 1797.—*Sarah*, b. 1799; m. Clark Streeter (5); d. Mar. 4, 1841.—*Polly*, m. Elijah H., son of Elijah Hildreth (10).—*Charles*, m. Nancy, dau. of Montgomery Darling (4); d. June 19, 1852, a. 48.—*Robert*, m. 1st, Sarah Howe; 2d, Elvira Thomas, of Hins.—*Cyrus*, d. young.

8. AFRICA, son of Lotan (7), m. 1st, Mariam, dau. of Benj. and Miriam Blanchard, and who d. Oct. 3, 1831; 2d, Jan. 21, 1833, Mary Blanchard, sister of the first wife. Resided in Chfd. He d. June 22, 1869.

Ch.: *Frances A.*, b. Apr. 16, 1818; m. Wm. Field, of N. Y. City; d. ———.—*Cyrus C.*, b. Nov. 1, 1821; m. 1st, Elizabeth Brooks, of Northfield, Mass.; 2d, Betsey Tarbel, of Me. Res. in Granville, Mich.—*Louisa E.*, b. Apr. 21, 1823; m. Henry Freeland, of N. Y. City. Res. at Tarrytown, N. Y.—*Henry S.*, b. Mar. 4, 1826; m., June 1, 1848, Carrie E., dau. of Stafford H. Pettee (q. v.) Had one son, Erving A., b. June 5, 1850, and m. Addie O. Wilber, d. Sept. 24, 1874, in her 27th year.—*Lotan B.*, b. Feb. 24, 1829. Policeman in N. Y. City.—*John W.*, b. Oct. 16, 1836; m. 1st, Adelaide L. Huntley, of Acworth, d. Dec. 19, 1867; 2d, 1869, Martha Lincoln. Carpenter in Chfd. Has the following ch.: *Ida F.*, b. Apr. 19, 1866; *Henry H.*, b. Aug. 3, 1869; *Minnie M.*, b. Jan. 3, 1871; *Flora B.*, b. Dec. 18, 1872; *Clarence R.*, b. July 28, 1874; *Rosa C.*, b. Sept. 9, 1876; *Mary*, b. June 18, 1880.—*Geo. Leavitt*, b. Mar. 31, 1838; m., Mar. 4, 1867, Eliza C. Lincoln, of Wmd. Res. in Chfd.—*Elathine A.*, b. Sept. 23, 1840; m. Andrew Blakey, of N. Y. City.—*Christina C.*, b. Feb. 6, 1842; m. Samuel Newcomb, of Hins.—*Larkin J.*, b.

Apr. 4, 1847; d. Apr. 22, 1860.—*Charles C.*, b. Nov. 4, 1848; unm. Res. in Chfd.—*Sarah E.*, b. Sept. 25, 1851; m., Oct. 2, 1869, James H., son of Joseph C. Goodrich (2).

3. SAMUEL HILDRETH, brother of Jona. Hildreth (2), m., 1759, Hannah Farr, d. Dec., 1786, in her 46th year. In 1761, he was of Wmd., to which town he had probably rem. from Petersham, Mass. He settled in Chfd. before 1767, on the farm now owned by Hermon C. Harvey, but once owned by Marshall H. Day. Selectman 1776, '78. He d. in 1812, in his 77th year.

Ch.: *Leah*, b. Oct. 4, 1760.—*Samuel* (9), b. Oct. 25, 1762.—*Daniel*, b. May 18, 1765; d. 1781.—*Isaac*, b. Sept. 19, 1767; m., 1790, Hannah, dau. of Abraham Farr (1). He d. in Chfd., May 14, 1812, leaving 5 ch.: *Elsie*; *Samuel*; *Royal*, d. 1834, a. 33; *Philinda*; *Hannah*, m. *Alpheus Stewart*, lately of Brat., deceased.—*Hannah*, b. Oct. 29, 1769.—*Susanna*, b. Oct. 2, 1771; d. of the "throat ail," 1774.—*Foel*, b. Dec. 28, 1773; m., 1796, Anna Bowker; d. in Lynn, Mass.—*Susanna*, b. July 8, 1776.—*Elijah* (10), b. July 7, 1779.—*Daniel*, b. Sept. 30, 1781; m., 1807, Susanna Fairbanks; d. Feb. 8, 1816.—*Persis*, b. July 8, 1782; m., 1807, John Rugg, of Salem, Mass.

9. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (3), m. 1st, ———, d. 1790; 2d, Jerusha ———. He d. in Chfd., Apr. 12, 1802.

Ch.: *Daniel*, b. Feb. 27, 1790. He was a prominent citizen of Beverly, Mass., where he d., Aug., 1860.—*Alvin* (?), b. May 28, 1792.—*Samuel*, b. Oct. 3, 1794; d. in Lynn, Mass.—*Paul*, b. Apr. 19, 1798; d. in Danvers, Mass.—*Thirza*, b. May 20, 1801; d. Aug. 19, 1816.

10. ELIJAH, son of Samuel (3), m., 1799, Seviah Kallicut, of Shirley, Mass., d. in Hins., Aug. 13, 1848. He d. in Chfd., Mar. 9, 1839.

Ch.: *Elijah H.*, b. in Baltimore, Vt., Oct. 7, 1800; m. Polly, dau. of Lotan Hildreth (7). Res. in Milford, Mass.—*Chancey R.* (11), b. July 20, 1803.—*Emily H.*, b. Nov. 28, 1806; m. Thomas T. Fisk (2); d. in Hins., Jan. 6, 1849.—*Malissa H.*, b. Feb. 4, 1818; m. Jahial Todd, of Hins.; d. in Boston, May 28, 1843.—*Catharine*, b. Jan. 26, 1822; m., Sept. 27, 1843, Watson Safford (4); d. Mar. 7, 1882.

11. CHANCEY R., son of Elijah (10), m. 1st, 1824, Emeline, dau. of Wm. Howe (1), and who d. in Hins., July, 1843; 2d, Widow Louisa Hildreth, d. in Chfd., Nov., 1854. Res. at present in Chfd.

Ch.: *Susan*, b. Dec. 2, 1826; m. Edward Barrett, of Wincr. Res. in Holden, Mo.—*Frank*, b. Nov. 28, 1829; m. Maria Ripley, of Wincr., where he res.—*Charles*, m. ———, at Crown Point, N. Y.; killed at the battle of the Wilderness, Va.—*Ellen*, b. 1839; res. in Holden, Mo.—*Estella*, b. 1840; d. about 1853.

4. WILLIAM HILDRETH, brother of Jona. Hildreth (2), also supposed to have come from Petersham, Mass., settled in Chfd. before 1768, on the farm now owned and occupied by Warren H. Butler. He m., 1768, Joanna Bingham. Soldier 1777; selectman '86. He appears to have d. about 1800.

Ch.: *Silas* (12), b. Sept. 17, 1769.—*Foanna*, b. 1772; d. the same year.—*Lucy*, b. Mar. 1, 1773.—*Joseph*, b. Apr. 10, 1776.—*John*, b. June 31, 1779.—*William*, b. July 25, 1781; m. 1st, 1801, Nancy, dau. of Dea Daniel Farr (2), and who d. 1802; 2d, 1803, Huldah, dau. of John Phillips (q. v.)—*Nathaniel* (13), b. Sept. 13, 1783.—*Lydia*, b. Mar. 19, 1787; d. 1789.

12. SILAS, son of William (4), m., 1793, Charlotte Byam. Resided in Chfd. He d. in 1808.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Lydia*, b. Jan. 6, 1794; m. in Chfd., 1815, Ebenezer Smith; d. in Jay, N. Y.—*Foanna*, b. Jan. 5, 1796; m. Joshua Converse (3); d. Apr. 4, 1841.—*Laura*, m. Woodbury Wilkins, of Jay, N. Y.—*Edith*, m. in Chfd., 1815, John Martin.—*Silas*, m. Lydia ———; d. in Petersham, Mass.—*Sally*, m. Winslow Corbet, of Saratoga, N. Y.—*Polly*, m. Randall D. Hulin, of Saratoga—*Solomon*.

13. NATHANIEL, son of William (4), m., 1809, Synthia Royce, of Hins., d. July 6, 1870, in her 81st year. Resided in Chfd. He d. Feb. 20, 1833.

Ch.: *Nathaniel*, b. Oct. 6, 1809; m. 1st, Lucinda D., dau. of Thomas Fisk (1); 2d, Widow Spafford; 3d, Widow Palmer. Res. in Charleston, Vt.—*Charles*, b. Mar. 5, 1811; d.

about 1824.—*Joanna*, b. May 24, 1813; m. Charles Darling (6); d. Mar. 31, 1864.—*Aurilla*, b. Sept. 27, 1815; m., 1840, Noyes Darling (7).—*Eveline C.*, b. Apr. 1, 1829; m., Jan. 24, 1846, Lyman Royce (q. v.)

5. EDWARD HILDRETH, brother of Jona. Hildreth (2), was in Chfd. in 1767, which year he m. Sarah Whitney, d. July 16, 1811, in her 60th year. He probably came from Petersham, Mass., and he settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Elbridge Hubbard. He d. Jan. 21, 1821, a. 80.

Ch.: *Edward*, b. 1770; d. 1774.—*Jeremiah* (14), b. June 27, 1771.—*Abraham* (15), b. Sept. 7, 1773.—*Abel* (16), b. Aug. 9, 1775.—*Betty*, b. Mar. 19, 1777.—*Edward*, b. Feb. 9, 1779; d. young.—*Sarah*, b. Nov. 23, 1780; m., 1815, Solomon Clark (1); d. Apr. 18, 1846.—*Rachel*, b. June 21, 1783.—*Nabby*, b. June 2, 1785.—*James*, b. July 3, 1786.—*Edward* (17), b. Apr. 4, 1788.—*Sylvester*, b. Apr. 6, 1790.

14. JEREMIAH, son of Edward (5), m., 1796, Nabby Ramsdale. His name disappears before 1812.

Ch.: *Harriet*, b. July 16, 1797.—*Betsey*, b. Feb. 7, 1799.

15. ABRAHAM, son of Edward (5), m., 1800, Anna, dau. of Reuben Graves (q. v.), and who d. June 25, 1850. Resided in Chfd. He d. Oct. 17, 1827.

Ch.: *Reuben*, b. Feb. 17, 1802; m. twice; d. in Hins.—*Sumner*, b. Feb. 11, 1804; unm.; d. in Chfd., May 7, 1869. He was noted for his ability to remember names and dates.—*Russell*, b. Mar. 20, 1806; m. Sophia (Darling) Wheeler, dau. of Montgomery Darling (4); d. June 3, 1869.—*Sarah*, b. Oct. 23, 1808.—*Hannah*, b. Sept. 7, 1812; d. Apr. 4, 1828.—*Edward W.*, b. Sept. 2, 1814.—*Samuel K.*, b. Mar. 11, 1817.

16. ABEL, son of Edward (5), m. Lois ———, d. in 1843, a. 63. He d. Jan. 8, 1844.

Ch.: *Louisa*, b. Aug. 18, 1807.—*Alphonso*, b. in Chfd., Sept. 28, 1817.—*Austin*, b. in Chfd., Sept. 28, 1821.

17. EDWARD, son of Edward (5), m. Betsey ———.

Ch.: (Probably all b. in Chfd.) *Azubah B.*, b. Mar. 17, 1812.—*Mary H.*, b. Mar. 7, 1814.—*Seneca E.*, b. Sept. 5, 1816.—*Ara*, b. Aug. 30, 1820.

HILDRETH, JESSE, is said to have been a relative of Jona. Hildreth (2). His wife was Hannah ———. He d. in Chfd., probably in 1812, as, in Dec. of that year, certain claims against his estate were allowed by the probate judge. Only 3 ch. were recorded: *Abijah*, b. Jan. 2, 1790; *Rachel*, b. May 3, 1792; *David*, b. June 1, 1794.

HILDRETH, ISAAC, 1775-1804. He had the following ch.: *Levi*, b. Apr. 2, 1775; *Tryal*, b. Aug. 14, 1778, and d. in Chfd.; *Elias*, b. Sept. 16, 1783, and d. in Chfd.; *Isaac*, b. May 22, 1787; *Esther*, b. Feb. 5, 1790; *Chloe*, b. Sept. 23, 1792; d. in Chfd., Mar., 1868; *Clarissa*, b. Apr. 8, 1795; *Loring*, b. Mar. 29, 1797.

HILDRETH, JOSHUA, resided in Chfd. a number of years. His wife was Martha ———. His name disappears about 1800. Five ch. were recorded: *Polly*, b. Feb. 6, 1785, and d. the same year; *Zuba*, b. Aug. 29, 1787; *James*, b. July 18, 1792; *Thomas*, b. June 19, 1795; *Patty*, b. Apr. 21, 1798.

HILL, JOSEPH, was in Chfd. in 1785. He m. 1st, Rachel ———; 2d, ———; 3d, Hannah ———. His name disappears between 1815 and '19. The following ch. were recorded: *Louisa*, b. June 10, 1797; *Seth*, b. Dec. 15, 1798; *Joseph*, b. Mar. 15, 1801; *Fanna*, b. May 17, 1803; *Nancy*, b. June 22, 1805, and d. the same year; *Kate*, b. Aug. 22, 1806; *Samuel*, b. May 22, 1812.

HILL, TARRANT, b. about 1760, was in Chfd. in 1789. He d., probably, about 1837.

HILL, CYRUS, was in Chfd. in 1789, but appears to have remained only a few years.

HILL, ELISHA, son of Jonathan, of Wincr., b. Apr. 12, 1800, m., 1823, in that town, Harriet, dau. of Jona. Taylor (1), and who d. Aug. 13, 1876. Settled in Chfd. about 1827. He d. Jan. 22, 1875.

Ch.: *Jonathan*, b. Mar. 14, 1824; d. May 11, the same year.—*Jonathan T.*, b. Sept. 11, 1825; d. Sept. 18, 1831.—*Harriet M.*, b. Apr. 27, 1828; m., 1846, Corlis Hinds (2).—*Betsey C.*, b. July 21, 1833; d. Aug. 27, 1837.—*Jonathan T.*, b. Apr. 8, 1836; d. Apr. 6, 1841.—*Elizabeth C.*, b. Feb. 17,

1839; m. Levi H., son of Wm. Lincoln (q. v.)—*Taylor E.*, b. Mar. 3, 1842.—*Lucy E.*, b. Mar. 20, 1846; d. ———.

HILL, HARVEY, m., 1830, Phebe, dau. of James Sanderson (2). The following ch. were recorded: *Mary A*, b. May 26, 1831; *Lucy A.*, b. Mar. 7, 1833; *James B.*, b. Sept. 4, 1834; *Samuel A.*, b. Aug. 25, 1836; *George A.*, b. July 19, 1838, and d. 1841; *Martha M.*, b. Feb. 21, 1840; *Eliza C.*, b. Dec. 12, 1841.

HINDS, JACOB, was in Chfd. in 1771. In 1775, he commanded the 8th company of Col. James Reid's regiment. (See p. 89.) His name disappears before 1787.

HINDS.

1. JESSE HINDS, b. Sept. 7, 1764, was the son of Corlis Hinds, who came from Eng. and settled in Mass. Jesse m. Sally Stanford, b. Sept. 1, 1773, and d. Aug. 24, 1864. About 1805, he rem. from Barre, Mass., to Chfd., and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his son Corlis, in the south-east quarter of the town. He d. Jan. 2, 1823.

Ch.: *Sophia*, b. Feb. 9, 1797; m. Caleb Bennett. Settled finally in Girard, Erie Co., Penn.—*Perley*, b. Oct. 3, 1803; m. 1st, Sarah Lawrence; 2d, Polly Smith. Settled in Girard.—*Sally*, b. May 2, 1807; m., 1831, Adams Phillips, of Nelson. Settled at Cherry Creek, N. Y.—*Louisa*, b. July 31, 1809; m., 1830, James Phillips, of Roxbury. Settled at Cherry Creek.—*Jesse*, b. Mar. 22, 1811; m. ———, of N. Y. City.—*Corlis* (2), b. Nov. 12, 1814.—*Clarissa*, b. Mar. 30, 1819; m., 1836, Wm. Allen, son of Wm. Faulkner (1).

2. CORLIS, son of Jesse (1), m., Nov. 26, 1846, Harriet Maria, dau. of Elisha Hill (q. v.) Farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Arthur C.*, b. Sept. 19, 1847; res. in Kinsley, Kan.—*Fernando P.*, b. Nov. 16, 1848; m. Sarah Aldrich. Res. in Swzy.—*Harriet E.*, b. July 20, 1850; m., Mar. 29, 1869, Leavitt W., son of Watson Safford (4).—*Sarah M.*, b. Nov. 27, 1853; m. Geo. H. Clough, of Winchendon, Mass.—*Caroline L.*, b. Aug. 10, 1856; m., Sept. 8, 1875, John O., son of John Hubbard (10).—*Jesse B.*, b. June 23, 1858.—*Manly H.*, b. June 4, 1860; d. the 30th of the same month. *Louisa L.*,

b. June 25, 1861.—*Royal T.*, b. Dec. 2, 1862.—*Flora May*, b. Apr. 27, 1866.—*Noble A.*, b. Oct. 24, 1868.—*Ernest W.*, b. May 26, 1870.—*William W.*, b. Mar. 20, 1872.—*Melvin A.*, b. Dec. 4, 1877.

HOLBROOK.

1. DANIEL HOLBROOK settled in Chfd. about 1788. His wife's name has not been ascertained. His name disappears from the tax-lists between 1815 and '19. He had, at least, the following ch., but their order is uncertain: *Henry B.*—*Nabby*, m. Amos Crouch (3).—*Marcus* (2).—*Daniel*.—*Rufus*.—*Abram*.—*Elmira*.—*Millens*, lived and d. in Swzy.
2. MARCUS, son of Daniel (1), m. Abigail, dau. of Benjamin Wild (1). He d. after 1840.

Ch.: (Order somewhat uncertain) *Emeline*, m. John Trall, of Boston.—*Lestina*, unm.—*Charles B.*, m., 1838, Hannah C., dau. of Moses Dudley (1). Physician at San Francisco, Cal.—*Eliza*.—*Albert*.—*Abbie*.—*Fane*, m. ——— Bishop.—*Maria*, m. John Shipman.—*Benjamin*.

HOLDEN.

1. LEMUEL HOLDEN, probably from Shirley, or vicinity, Mass., was in Chfd. in 1790. His wife's name has not been ascertained. He had, at least, two sons, *William* (2) and *Denis*. The latter rem. to N. Y. State, where he d.
2. WILLIAM, son of Lemuel (1), m., 1814, Lucy, dau. of Philip Bacon (2). He d. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Bartlett*, unm.—*Wilson* (3).

3. WILSON, son of William (2), m. 1st, 1836, Sarah, dau. of Roswell Stowell (q. v.), and who d. Jan. 18, 1849, a. 31; 2d, Lovilla, dau. of Squire Spaulding (1). Resided in Chfd. a number of years.

Ch.: *Mary Adelaide*, b. Aug. 16, 1837; m., June 7, 1854, Henry H. Howe (4).—*Alchesta L.*, b. Nov. 15, 1838; m., in Monticello, Ia., Alpheus Johnson.—*Liva Ann V.*, d. June 11, 1851, in her 12th year.—*Louisa Fane*, b. July 29, 1845; m., Jan. 19, 1863, Lyman J. Chickering, of Walpole.

HOLLAND.

1. SAMUEL HOLLAND, son of Jonah and Joanna Holland, b. in Newfane, Vt., Oct. 16, 1786, m. 1st, 1809, Lydia Walker, b. in Townshend, Vt., Feb. 5, 1790, and d. in Chfd. Apr. 2, 1822; 2d, 1823, Sophia, dau. of Martin Hildreth (6), and who d. Oct. 30, 1855, a. 67. He settled in Chfd. soon after his first marriage. Blacksmith. He d. Aug. 26, 1824.

Ch.: *Norman W.*, b. Feb. 3, 1812; d. in Newfane, Apr. 26, 1832.—*Noah D.*, b. June 3, 1815; d. Jan. 15, 1816.—*Elouisa*, b. Nov. 8, 1816; m. S. U. Clark, of Wardsboro', Vt., and rem. to Ind., where she now res.—*Laura Ann*, b. May 27, 1819; m. J. M. Crosby, a native of Brat., but at the time of his marriage a resident of Norwalk, O. She res. at present in Toledo, O.—*George W.* (2), b. Jan. 18, 1824.

2. GEORGE W., son of Samuel (1), m., July 4, 1853, Martha A., dau. of Salmon and Mina (Dexter) Burbank, of Chfd. In 1851, he rem. to Hins., where he has been engaged in trade many years. Has been clerk of the town for several years, and a member of the N. H. House of Representatives in 1878 and '81.

Ch.: *Charles A.*, b. Dec. 14, 1854.—*Henry C.*, b. Apr. 6, 1856.—*George A.*, b. Nov. 20, 1868.

HOLLOWELL, CALVIN, m. Hannah ———, and had a son, *Foel F.*, b. Jan. 29, 1828.

HOLMAN.

Edward, David (1), Noah, Stephen and Smith Holman were probably the sons of Edward Holman, of Royalston, Mass. Edward, Junior, came to Chfd. about 1794, but rem. to Keene before 1812. Noah d. in Orange, Mass.

1. DAVID HOLMAN, probably son of Edward Holman, of Royalston, Mass., m. 1st, Mehetable Gale, d. Nov. 19, 1847, a. 64; 2d, 1850, Mrs. Laura (Stone) Henry, wid. of John P. Henry (3), and who d. Mar. 21, 1863. He settled in Chfd. about 1805. He d. Aug. 17, 1864, a. 85.

Ch.: An adopted son, *James* (2).—*Ella F.*, b. Dec. 27, 1850; res. in San Francisco, Cal.

2. JAMES, adopted son of David (1), m., 1824, Mary, dau. of Wm. Faulkner (1), and who d. Aug. 31, 1841. Resided in Chfd. He d. Apr. 28, 1844, a. 35.

Ch.: *David* (3), b. Jan. 5, 1825.—*Hetta*, b. Oct. 19, 1826; m., 1845, Alanson Spaulding (2).—*William* (4), b. Aug. 2, 1828.—*Jason R.*, b. Mar. 30, 1831; m. 1st, Mary M. Howard, of Wincr.; 2d, Mary E., dau. of Sidney S. Campbell (1), and who d. Mar. 17, 1871; 3d, Charlotte Ellis. Machinist in Hins.—*Sarah F.*, b. Dec. 26, 1832; d. Mar. 21, 1849.—*Esther M.*, b. Jan. 22, 1834; m. Charles Miles, of Stowe, Mass.; d. Nov. 9, 1857.—*Cynthia*, b. Sept. 14, 1836; m., Mar. 23, 1862, Robertus F., son of Ezekiel Colburn (4). Res. in Shirley, Mass.—*George*, b. Aug. 3, 1838; d. Mar. 24, 1863.—*Henry M.*, b. May 15, 1840; d. Oct. 28, 1847.

3. DAVID, son of James (2), m., Apr. 27, 1848, Sarah R., dau. of Ara Hamilton (2). Res. in Chfd. Farmer. Selectman '79-'82.

Ch.: *Frederick H.*, b. Feb. 15, 1849; d. Sept. 16, 1852.—*Alice M.*, b. July 16, 1852.—*Evelyn A.*, b. Apr. 18, 1856.—*Gertrude L.*, b. May 17, 1861; m., Jan. 25, 1882, Curtis A. Beal, of Chfd.

4. WILLIAM, son of James (2), m., Apr. 8, 1851, Mary M., dau. of Josiah Higgins (4). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Mary Rosetta*, b. May 5, 1853; m., Feb. 14, 1871, Ellon A., son of Watson Safford (4).—*Frank M.*, b. Dec. 30, 1854.—*Frederick W.*, b. Sept. 30, 1856.—*George A.*, b. Oct. 26, 1858.—*Helen L.*, b. Mar. 6, 1861; d. Aug. 3, 1877.

HOLMES, THOMAS, probably from Woodstock, Conn., m. Tamar, dau. of Abner Harris (1). He was in Chfd. in 1785, but his name does not appear on the tax-lists after 1787. His wife survived him many years. He had, so far as known, the following ch.: *Sarah*, m. Eldad Granger (q. v.)—*Lucy*, b. about 1773; m., 1791, John Wheeler (3); d. 1863.—*John*, b. in Woodstock, Conn., 1778; d. in Colebrook. Some of his descendants still live in Coos county.—*Rachel*, unm.; d. Feb., 1860, at the poor-house in Chfd. For many years she wandered about from place to place, and was well known as one of the most eccentric characters of the town.—*Mary*.—*Abigail*.

HOLMES, CALVIN, m., 1789, Elizabeth, dau. of James Robertson (2). He appears to have soon rem. from the town.

HOLMES, LUTHER, m., 1788, Polly Rich, but did not remain long in Chfd. A son, *Horace*, was b. July 16, 1789.

HOLT.

1. JOSEPH HOLT, perhaps from Fitchburg, Mass., settled in Chfd. about 1812. His wife was Elizabeth ———, d. in 1831, a. 77. He d. in 1819 or '20. His son, *Joseph* (2), also settled in Chfd.
2. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), m. Elizabeth Osborn, d. in 1838, a. 59. He d. in Chfd. in 1832, a. 53.

Ch.: *Abel* (3), b. Jan. 15, 1803.—*Henry*, m. Edith, dau. of Wm. Farr (6).—*George*, probably went to one of the Southern States many years ago.

3. ABEL, son of Joseph (2), m., Oct. 11, 1829, Hepsibeth J. Brown, of Danvers, Mass., d. Apr. 2, 1877, in her 72d year. Resided in Chfd. He d. Apr. 15, 1874.

Ch.: *Joseph*, b. Dec. 9, 1830; m., Sept., 1869, Mrs. Martha E. Bowen, of Wincr. Res. in Chfd. Has one dau., *Lizzie J.*, b. June 13, 1870.—*Edwin A.*, b. Nov. 3, 1834; unm.—*Horace M.*, b. Mar. 4, 1836; d. Mar. 24, 1839.—*Elizabeth F.*, b. Apr. 30, 1843; m., Apr. 3, 1863, Geo. W. Bonney, d. May 11, 1864. At present milliner in Chfd.—*Jas. Frank*, b. June 13, 1847; m. 1st, Feb. 23, 1870, Mary J. Hunt, of Wincr.; 2d, Jan. 8, 1880, Gertie Balcom, of Salem, Mass.

HOOKER, JOHN, was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Hannah ———. The name does not appear after 1794. Three ch. were recorded: *Abigail*, b. Nov. 3, 1782; *Joseph*, b. Sept. 10, 1784; *Hosea*, b. Nov. 26, 1789

HOPKINS.

1. RICHARD HOPKINS was in Chfd. in 1787. He m., 1790, Lucy Fairbanks, d. Oct. 23, 1855, a. 82. He d. Apr. 5, 1847, a. 83.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Jonathan*, m. Mariam Osborn. Had 3 ch.: Francis, Albert, Mary.—*Richard* (2), b. May 1, 1793.—*Rufus*, m. Fanny, dau. of Lyman Scott (3), and lived and d. in Chfd. Had the following ch.: Allen, Maria, m. Wm. Wright; Francis, Elvira A., m. 1st, Martin Wilson, and 2d, Jedediah Sabin, of Wmd.; Rufus.—*Henry*, unm.; d. at St. Louis, Mo.—*Lucy*, m., 1823, Jacob T. White (2).—*Caroline*, m., 1827, Thomas J. Cobb (q. v.)—*Weston*, m. ——— But-terfield, and had the following ch.: Lucy, Henry, Alonzo,

Mary C.—*Betsey H.*, b. May 26, 1813; m., 1832, Reuben B. Foster (q. v.)—*Thornton* (3).—*Samuel F.*, m. 1st, Sarah C., dau. of Sam'l Estabrooks (2), and who d. Apr. 24, 1853; 2d, 1857, Olive M. Farwell. He d. in De Kalb, Ill. Had the following ch.: George, Mary, d. unm.; Francina, m. ——— Howard; Alanson.—*Elliott P.*, m. Elmanda A, dau. of Sam'l Estabrooks (2). Res. in Pontiac, Ill. Has had the following ch.: Francis E., d. young; Sarah E., d. young; Ella, Emma, and another son.

2. RICHARD, son of Richard (1), m., 1816, Emeline, dau. of Reuben Lewis (1), and who d. Mar. 11, 1877. Resided in Chfd. Selectman 1847. He d. Jan. 26, 1864.

Ch.: *Harriet F.*, b. Oct. 29, 1817; m., 1839, Benj. Gurler.—*Emeline L.*, b. July 25, 1819; m., 1841, John P. Newhall, then of Chfd., afterwards of Hins.—*Sarah W.*, b. Feb. 17, 1822; m., May 24, 1848, Luther L., son of Saml. Estabrooks (2).—*Richard Henry* (4), b. May 9, 1831.

4. RICHARD H., son of Richard (2), m., Jan. 6, 1853, Ellen M. Newton, b. Oct. 20, 1831, and d. Sept. 26, 1875. He resided in Chfd. till Apr., 1870, when he rem. to Hins., where he engaged in the manufacture of paper. Selectman '58, '59; representative '65, '66. He d. Feb. 21, 1877.

Ch.: *Charles B.*, b. May 16, 1855; res. in Hins.—*Isabel A.*, b. May 28, 1857; d. Sept. 6, 1858.—*Herbert H.*, b. July 2, 1861.—*Hattie E.*, b. Feb. 24, 1864; d. Aug. 18, 1865.—*Clara E.*, b. Feb. 3, 1868.—*George C.*, b. Jan. 10, 1873.

3. THORNTON, son of Richard (:), m. Diantha, dau. of William Farr (6). He d. in Fitzwilliam about 1855.

Ch.: *William W.*, b. Dec. 21, 1831; m., Sept. 12, 1854, Miranda, dau. of Squire Streeter (4). Res. in Chfd. Mechanic. Has 3 ch.: Fred W., b. Oct. 2, 1859; Etta M., b. Sept. 21, 1863; Harry D., b. Aug. 18, 1869.—*Mary*, b. Sept. 31, 1833; m. 1st, John Manning, of Winchendon, Mass.; 2d, ——— Chapman.

HOPKINS, JOSEPH, was in Chfd. in 1787, but the name soon disappears.

HOSLEY.

1. THOMAS HOSLEY came from Mendon, Mass., about 1805, and

settled on the farm now owned and occupied by John L. Street-
er. His wife was Lucinda Stebbins, d. Apr. 19, 1831, a. 63.
Farmer. He d. Feb. 16, 1852, a. 88.

Ch.: *Stebbins* (2) — *Nelson* (3). — *Anson*, m., 1838, Mercy,
dau. of James Snow (4), and who d. Oct. 25, 1851, a. 44.
Mechanic and millwright. He d. in Chfd., Mar. 26, 1852, a.
47.

2. STEBBINS, son of Thomas (1), m. Diana, dau. of Erastus Sar-
geant (1). He resided a number of years in Chfd., but finally
settled in Canton, N. Y., where he d.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd. except the last) *Pamelia*. — *Arvilla*.
— *George*. — *Horatio*. — *Angeline*. — *Lafayette*.

3. NELSON, son of Thomas (1), m., 1831, Mary A., dau. of Wash-
ington Farr (7), and who d. Mar. 13, 1868, a. 56. Resided in
Chfd. Farmer and mechanic. He d. Sept. 4, 1862, a. 63.

Ch.: *Mary A.*, b. Nov. 18, 1833; m., Dec., 1880, Geo. B.
Throop, of N. Y. City. — *Lavernie F.*, b. Apr. 18, 1836; m.,
Oct. 22, 1861, Benj. D. Ryan. — *Camilla E.*, d. 1839. — *Way-
land N.*, b. Nov. 24, 1841. — *Camilla E.*, b. Aug. 24, 1845;
m., Dec. 24, 1875, T. Spencer Jenks. Res. in Worcester,
Mass. — *Fidelia F.*, b. Apr. 9, 1848; m., Jan. 22, 1869, Clare
W. Putnam. Res. in Worcester.

HOWARD, ZADOCK, was in Chfd. in 1803; JONATHAN, in 1803;
EZEKIEL, in 1805; JAMES, in 1805. All these names disap-
pear before 1819.

HOWE.

1. WILLIAM HOWE, son of Samuel and Mehitabel Howe, of Wmd.,
b. Jan. 4, 1783, m. Lodisa, dau. of Reuben Smith (7). He
settled in Chfd. between 1807 and '12. About 1827, he rem-
to Montezuma, N. Y., where he d. probably about 1865.

Ch.: *Hollis*, b. May 6, 1802; d. the same month. — *Barton*
(2), b. Oct. 21, 1803. — *Emeline*, b. May 10, 1807; m., 1824,
Chancey R. Hildreth (11). — *Sarah*, m., 1832, Robert Hildreth.
— *Alfreda C.*, m., Jan., 1833, Levi G. Dunham (5). — *Han-
nah*, m. Jonathan Cole, of Wmd.; res. at Portland, Me. —
William, m. ———; settled in Canaan, Vt.

2. BARTON, son of William (1), m. 1st, Lois B., dau. of Barzillai Hubbard (6), and who d. Oct. 18, 1852; 2d, Mrs. Polly Simmons, of Wmd., d. Oct. 19, 1873, a. nearly 60. Farmer. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Barton*, b. Nov. 22, 1823; m. Sylvia Slate.—*Horace* (3), b. Feb. 10, 1828.—*Henry*, b. May 15, 1830; d. in infancy.—*Mary P.*, b. Feb. 24, 1832; d. Jan. 4, 1841.—*Henry H.* (4), b. July 1, 1834.—*William P.*, b. Nov., 1836; d. May 22, 1853.—*Sophronia*, b. Apr. 8, 1839; m. 1st, William Smith, of Hins.; 2d, Henry Campbell, of Brat.; d. Oct. 24, 1870.—*Emeline*, b. July 13, 1842; d. Sept. 21, 1870.

3. HORACE, son of Barton (2), m., July 5, 1849, Harriet L., dau. of Nathaniel Albee (q. v.) Mechanic. He d. in Chfd., Aug. 7, 1870.

Ch.: *Charles H.*, b. Nov. 22, 1851; m., Mar. 17, 1875, Alta Dean, of Dover, Vt.—*Mary Jane*, b. Dec. 17, 1853; m., July 4, 1872, Henry H., son of Stephen Rice (2).—*Helena A.*, b. Oct. 3, 1857; d. Feb. 10, 1862.—*Nettie B.* (Farrow), adopted dau., d. May 7, 1870, in her 5th year.

4. HENRY H., son of Barton (2), m., June 7, 1854, Mary Adelaide, dau. of Wilson Holden (3). Mechanic in Chfd.

Ch.: *William P.*, b. July 29, 1855; d. Oct. 21, 1873.—*Sarah L.*, b. Feb. 14, 1858; m., Feb. 14, 1878, Geo. W. French, now of Chfd.—*Henry B.*, b. May 9, 1860.—*Hattie H.*, b. June 24, 1866.—*Mabel C.*, b. Oct. 21, 1873.

HUBBARD.

2. EPHRAIM HUBBARD, b. Nov. 30, 1742. was in Chfd. in 1770, having probably come from Rutland, Mass. He was the half-brother of Amos Hubbard (3) and Oliver Hubbard (4). He m. 1st, Lucy, dau. of Nathan Willard, of Brat., and who d. Apr. 27, 1806, in her 56th year; 2d, Thankful, wid. of Josiah Butler, of Hins., and who d. Mar. 25, 1849. Selectman 1775 and '76. He d. Feb. 24, 1828.

Ch.: *Ephraim*, b. Mar. 4, 1768; rem. to Lyndon, Vt., and d. Apr. 14, 1815.—*Lucy*, b. Nov. 5, 1769; rem. to Lyndon.—*Ferusha*, b. Jan. 5, 1772; rem. to Lyndon.—*Bunker G.* (5), b. Feb. 28, 1774.—*Nathan*, b. Apr. 18, 1776; rem. to Lyndon.

- Barzillai* (6), b. Mar. 7, 1778.—*Rebecca*, b. Apr. 3, 1780; rem. to Lyndon.—*Ruth*, b. July, 13, 1782; m., 1809, Wm. Pierce (2); d. in Lyndon, June 23, 1832.—*Abigail*, b. Dec. 9, 1784; unm.—*Charlotte*, b. Aug. 11, 1787; m. 1st, Abel Fletcher (1); 2d, 1819, Nathaniel Atherton (4); d. Feb. 9, 1848.—*Gratia*, b. Aug. 2, 1790; m., 1810, John Butler (1); d. Aug. 30, 1855.—*Eber* (7), b. Feb. 28, 1793.
5. BUNKER G., son of Ephraim (2), m., 1799, Sybil, dau. of Thomas Willard (3). Resided in Chfd. He d. since, or about, 1844.
Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Maria*, m. Rufus Allen, of Hins.—*Lucy*, m. Raymond Fletcher, of Boston.—*Sally*, m. ——— Jones, of Boston.—*Vashti*, m. Levi Streeter.—*Benjamin W.*, b. Oct. 23, 1808; unm.; d. at sea when a young man.—*Charles*, b. Apr. 13, 1811; m. Sybil Streeter, of Hins.—*Esther*, m. ——— Paine, in N. Y. State.—*Gratia*, m. ——— Wallace, in N. Y. State.—*Mary*.—*Julia*.
6. BARZILLAI, son of Ephraim (2), m., May 29, 1803, Lavina Putnam, b. May 5, 1780, and d. Apr. 28, 1854. He d. in Chfd. Jan. 20, 1823.
Ch.: *Eliza*, b. Feb. 29, 1804; m., 1831, David S. Fletcher (4).—*Lois B.*, b. Mar. 9, 1806; m. Barton Howe (2); d. Oct. 18, 1852.
7. EBER, son of Ephraim (2), m. Jane, dau. of Lyman Streeter, of Hins., and who d. Mar., 1879. Resided in Chfd. He d. Jan. 20, 1842.
Ch.: *Horton*, b. Dec. 5, 1818; m. ———; d. in Hopkinton, Mass.—*Mariette*, b. Aug. 9, 1822; m., Feb. 18, 1841, Oliver H. Safford (5).—*Parker* (8), b. Apr. 5, 1824.—*Warren*, b. Feb. 9, 1826; m., in Chfd., Isabel Todd; d. in Worcester, Mass., Apr. 10, 1852.—*Martin*, b. Dec. 19, 1829; m. Annette Miles. Res. in Worcester.—*Horace*, b. Oct. 15, 1835; d. Aug. 24, 1853.—*Larkin*, d. in infancy.—*Moulton*, d. in infancy.
8. PARKER, son of Eber (7), m. Eliza, dau. of Roswell Powers (2). He d. in Chfd., Dec. 11, 1857.
Ch.: *Amandren G.*, b. Dec. 3, 1846; d. Oct., 1865.—*Miron W.*, b. Mar. 17, 1850.—*Fred F.*, b. Apr. 22, 1852.—*Fennie E.*, b. Feb. 25, 1855; m. Edgar H. Burroughs.—*Alton P.*, b. Oct. 5, 1857.

3. AMOS HUBBARD, half-brother of Ephraim Hubbard (2), b. Sept. 28, 1745, came from Rutland, Mass. He purchased in Chfd., Dec. 29, 1769, lots Nos 4 and 4 (excepting 50 acres), in the 11th and 12th ranges, respectively. This farm was identical, in part at least, with that now owned and occupied by his grandson, John O. Hubbard. He m. in Chfd., in 1774, Leah Farr, b. Feb. 24, 1756, and d. Oct. 26, 1832. Soldier 1777; selectman '84. He d. from the effects of a surgical operation, June 8, 1792.

Ch.: *Leah*, b. Dec. 6, 1774; m. Noah Cummings, and rem. to Littleton.—*Sarah*, b. Feb. 6, 1777; m., 1793, Peter Wheeler (2); d. 1851.—*Amos*, b. Oct. 30, 1780; m., 1807, Nabby Smith. Rem. to Littleton.—*Samuel B.* and *Jacob Powers* (9), b. Mar. 29, 1785. Samuel B. m. ——— Hildreth, of Petersham, Mass., and settled in Littleton (N. H.)—*John* (10), b. Sept. 28, 1789.

9. JACOB P., son of Amos (3), m., 1815, Luna, wid. of Levi Fletcher, and dau. of Lotan Hildreth (7), and who d. Feb. 20, 1870. Resided in Chfd. He d. Jan. 8, 1856.

Ch.: *Louisa F.* (half-sister of the following), b. June 9, 1807; m., 1824, George, son of Martin Hildreth (6).—*Luthe-
ra B.*, b. Nov. 1, 1816; m., 1836, Marshall Butler (2).—*Amos R.* (11), b. Jan. 6, 1819.—*Sophia W.*, b. July 1, 1821; m. Josiah, son of John Butler (1).—*Joseph C.* (12), b. Feb. 15, 1824.

11. AMOS R., son of Jacob P. (9), m., Sept. 22, 1846, Rosamond W., dau. of Samuel and Orpha (Walker) Waldo, of Langdon. Farmer in Chfd. Selectman 1872, '73 and '76.

Ch.: *Rawson W.*, b. Jan. 27, 1848; unm.; d. Apr. 8, 1881. He was a young man of more than ordinary force of intellect, and a lover of learning, but was cut down, in the prime of life, by a disease from which he had long suffered.—*Flora A.*, b. Sept. 3, 1851; m., Nov. 21, 1873, Levi B. Ware, of Wmd.; d. Feb. 3, 1881.—*Clara M.*, b. Oct. 4, 1853; m., Nov. 21, 1871, Chas. M., son of Chas. M. Davis (7); d. Mar. 16, 1879.—*Etta L.*, b. Nov. 16, 1866.—*Luna B.*, b. Apr. 25, 1870.

12. JOSEPH C., son of Jacob P. (9), m., May 10, 1847, Cordelia, dau. of Simon and Betsey Ames, of Croydon, and who was b. Nov. 18, 1828. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Frank*, b. Dec. 14, 1849.—*Cora Bell*, b. June 15, 1859.—*Ida Florence*, b. June 18, 1862.

10. JOHN, son of Amos (3), m. 1st, 1816, Sally, dau. of John Hildreth, and who was b. June 2, 1792, and d. in 1834; 2d, Oct. 5, 1836, Celistina K., dau. of Oliver Doolittle, of Hins., and who was b. Jan. 10, 1800. He resided in Chfd., on the farm on which his father settled. He d. Aug. 23, 1874.

Ch.: *Albert*, b. May 16, 1817; m. Sophia Powers, of Spencer, Mass. Res. in Holden, Mass.—*Elbridge* (13), b. Mar. 31, 1819.—*Elijah*, b. May 31, 1821; m. 1st, Rophe Swan, of Townshend, Vt.; 2d, Meldrada Redman, of Monticello, Ia., where he res.—*Clark*, b. June 28, 1824; m. twice. Res. in Monticello.—*Wm. Ward*, b. Sept. 12, 1827; m. 1st, Elmira Bigelow, of Spencer, Mass.; 2d, Clara Whitney, of Fitchburg, Mass., where he res.—*Jason*, b. Aug. 9, 1829; m. Ophelia, dau. of James Hubbard, of Royalston, Mass.; d. at Council Bluffs, Ia., Feb., 1876.—*John O.*, b. Nov. 10, 1839; m., Sept. 8, 1875, Carrie L., dau. of Corlis Hinds (2). Farmer in Chfd. Has one ch., Lesley J., b. Jan. 23, 1879.

13. ELBRIDGE, son of John (10), m. 1st, July 4, 1850, Lydia, dau. of Simon Ames, of Croydon, and who d. Apr. 24, 1860, a. 36; 2d, Dec. 12, 1861, Widow Lydia A. Tasker, dau. of Lovell Baker, a native of Goshen. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Arthur E.*, b. Dec. 27, 1851.—*George A.*, b. May 22, 1854.—*Mary L.*, b. Feb. 4, 1858; m., Dec. 27, 1879, Willis J. Ray, of Dum.—*Albert A.*, b. Jan. 13, 1863.—*Erwin C.*, b. Apr. 1, 1866.

4. OLIVER HUBBARD, brother of Amos Hubbard (3), and half-brother of Ephm. Hubbard (2), b. in Rutland, Mass., came to Chfd. between 1770 and '76. He settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Joseph C. Hubbard. His wife was Lois —, d. May 5, 1838, a. 77. He d. July 30, 1820, a. 73.

Ch.: *Oliver*.—*Hiram*, rem. to Lyndon, Vt.—*Vashti*, m., 1816, Amos Rich; d. in Chfd., insane, Dec., 1876.—*Esther*, m., 1820, Seth Clark, of Burke, Vt.—*Orrin*, b. 1789; m.,

1818, Mary Butler; d. at East Burke, Vt., Sept. 22, 1872.—*Heman Baker*, m. Achsah, wid. of Montgomery Darling (4). He lived many years in Chfd., but d. in Hins. Had no ch.—*Barsina*, m. Daniel, son of John Crowninshield (1).—*Seymour*, who at one time lived in Windham, Vt.

HUBBARD, SILAS, was of Rutland, Mass., in 1789, but m. in Chfd., in 1793, Polly Nichols, and had, at least, one son born in Chfd., *Silas*, b. July 23, 1795. The name soon disappears.

HUBBARD, CLARK, was also of Rutland, Mass., in 1789, but was in Chfd. in 1790. He m. Arathusa, dau. of Joseph Atherton (2), and rem. to Swanton, Vt., probably about 1795.

HUDSON, BENJAMIN, son of William and Mary Hudson, b. in Oxford, Mass., May 22, 1727, m., 1756, Sarah Holman, of Sutton, Mass. He came to Chfd. between 1770 and '76, and appears to have settled on Streeter hill. His name disappears about 1797.

Ch.: *Sarah*, b. Feb. 7, 1757; m., 1780, Benjamin Streeter (2); d. Oct. 15, 1842.—*Mary*, b. June 30, 1760; d. 1768.—*Hannah*, b. May 11, 1762; d. 1768.—*Benjamin*, b. June 14, 1764; d. 1768.—*Molly*, b. May 3, 1767.—*Lucy*, b. Oct. 23, 1769.—*Solomon*, b. Nov. 17, 1771; m., probably, Thirza, dau. of Samuel Farr (1), *Third*. It is probable that he rem. to Sutton, Vt., or vicinity, about 1799.—*Betty*, b. Oct. 2, 1774.—*Rhode*, b. May 8, 1778.—*Hannah E.*, b. Sept. 16, 1781.

HUTCHINSON, BENJAMIN, m. Lucena ———, and had a dau., *Hephzibah*, b. Feb. 17, 1790.

JACKSON.

1. ELEAZER JACKSON, supposed to have been a descendant of Edward Jackson, who came from London, Eng., and settled in what is now Newton, Mass., as early as 1643, was born May 12, 1736. He m., in 1761, Rachel Pond, b. Feb. 3, 1740, and d. in Chfd., Mar. 12, 1836, a. 96. In 1767, he was in Walpole, Mass., but afterwards rem. to Wrentham, and thence, in 1771, to Dudley. He was originally a clothier by trade. Oct. 6, 1778, he took a deed of 82 acres of land in Chfd., upon which he settled. This land is a part of the farm on which his grandson, Jay Jackson, now resides, and has always been, since

1778, owned by members of the Jackson family. He was selectman in 1782, '83, '87, '88, '93-'96, and 1800; representative in '92, '93, '97. In 1791, he was the delegate from Chfd. to the convention for revising the constitution of the State. He d. Nov. 11, 1814.

Ch.: *Prudence*, b. Nov., 1762; m., 1779, Asa Robinson, of Dudley, Mass.; d. Aug. 21, 1840.—*Jacob*, b. Apr. 15, 1764; m., 1793, Susanna, dau. of Col. Samuel King (2). Had 2 ch., Willard and Mary, twins. After his death his wid. m., 1815, James Robertson (4).—*Jarib* (2), b. May 5, 1766.—*Lydia*, b. Oct. 11, 1767; m. John Sanderson (4); d. Oct. 17, 1793.—*Enoch* (3) and *Elijah* (4), b. Oct. 20, 1769.—*Levi* (5), b. in Dudley, June 25, 1772.—*Wilkes*, b. May 15, 1775; unm. Rem. to Waterford, Vt., where he was killed by a falling timber, Dec. 1, 1810.—*James*, b. Dec. 29, 1776; m., 1800, Lucy Bingham, and had 3 ch.: Horace, Lydia, Arnold. Rem. to Swanton, Vt., where he m. 2d, Mrs. Betsey Cram. He d. Apr. 9, 1854.—*David*, b. Oct. 22, 1778; unm. Was a trader for some time in Wincr., whence he rem. to Highgate, Vt. He d. in Westfield, Vt., Apr. 22, 1859.

2. JARIB, son of Eleazer (1), m., 1792, Molly (or Polly), probably dau. of Paul Eager (q. v.) Rem., about 1796, to Swanton, Vt. He d. May 29, 1833.

Ch.: *Rufus W.*, b. Jan. 19, 1793; murdered by a negro at Highgate, Vt., Nov. 14, 1819. Having stopped at a tavern, he was requested by the proprietor to assist in removing an intoxicated negro from the house. Mr. Jackson ejected him without the assistance of the proprietor, and afterwards mounted his horse and rode away. The negro, armed with a club, secreted himself by the road-side, and, as Mr. Jackson rode along, knocked him from his horse. The murderer was convicted of the crime and executed.—*Lydia*, b. Nov. 3, 1794; d. at St. Albans, Vt., July, 1869.—*Paul Eager*, b. July 5, 1796; d. at Swanton, Nov. 14, 1867.—*Polly*, b. July 23, 1803.—*Eleazer P.*, b. Apr. 6, 1807; d. at Swanton, Apr. 24, 1808.—*Fanny P.*, b. Aug. 29, 1809; d. Mar. 14, 1840.

3. ENOCH, son of Eleazer (1), m., 1799, Martha, dau. of Andrew Phillips (q. v.), and who d. Dec. 24, 1858. He resided in

Chfd., on the paternal farm, till 1837, when he rem. to Winhall, Vt. He was a noted pedestrian, and seldom made use of a horse in performing long journeys. Setting out at an early hour in the morning, he sometimes traveled 50 to 60 miles in a day. It is related of him that, on one occasion, having been invited to ride, he replied, "I'm in a hurry; I think I will not ride." He d. in Winhall, Oct. 10, 1853, at the age of nearly 84 years.

Ch.: *Eleazer*, b. Nov. 25, 1799; d. Sept. 21, 1802.—*Sarah*, b. Oct. 23, 1801; d. Oct. 8, 1802.—*Andrew*, b. Sept. 20, 1803; d. Dec. 28, 1814.—*Mary*, b. Aug. 21, 1806; d. Jan. 11, 1815.—*John*, b. Jan. 8, 1810. He was a lover of books, and an excellent scholar. At the age of about sixteen he left the Academy prepared to enter college two years in advance; but, having decided not to pursue a collegiate course, he began to study law with Hon. Phineas Handerson. After a year or two he abandoned the study of law, to engage in farming in Swanton, Vt.; but his intellect became deranged, and he died insane in Winhall, May 11, 1846.—*Louisa*, b. Sept. 27, 1811; m., 1833, George G., son of Arad Stoddard (4).—*Jay* (6), b. May 15, 1816.

6. JAY, son of Enoch (3), m. 1st, 1845, Betsey E., dau. of James Henry (2), and who d. Mar. 14, 1870; 2d, Mar. 18, 1872, Mrs. Lucy S. Whitney, of Townshend, Vt. He res. in Chfd. on the ancestral farm, and is a well-known raiser of fine cattle. Though best known, even to his fellow-townsmen, as a successful farmer, it is, nevertheless, a fact that his devotion to the Muse is only second to his love for his chosen vocation; and some of his poems would do honor to the masters of the poetic art. Representative 1842, '44; delegate to the convention for revising the constitution of the State, 1876.

Ch.: *Laura*, b. Sept. 12, 1846.—*Robert*, b. Mar. 3, 1848.—*Martha E.*, b. Sept. 5, 1850; d. Aug. 13, 1876, unm.—*Andrew H.*, b. Jan. 13, 1853.—*John*, b. Mar. 16, 1857; d. Dec. 27, 1861.

4. ELIJAH, son of Eleazer (1), m. Elizabeth Sumner, of Keene. He was a clothier for a few years at the West Village, and then rem., about 1804, to Highgate, Vt., where he d. Mar. 20, 1860.

Ch.: *Betsey Z.*—*Sarah.*—*Sophrona.*

5. LEVI, son of Eleazer (1), never married. Of him his nephew, Mr. Jay Jackson, writes as follows:

"In a history of the town of Chesterfield, justice to the memory of Hon. Levi Jackson seems to require something more than the bare mention of his name; for probably no one has done more for the honor of the town, or to elevate the moral and intellectual standard of the community in which he moved.

The youthful years of Levi were principally spent in company with his father and brothers in clearing up and cultivating their new farm; but he manifested a desire to obtain a better education than the common schools of that day were calculated to impart, and told his father that he thought he might afford to send one of his numerous family of boys to college. Improving his meager common school privileges, and dividing the remainder of his time between his labors upon the farm and his fireside studies with the benefit of a few months at the then infant institution of Chesterfield Academy, he qualified himself for college, and entered Dartmouth in 1797, two years in advance. Graduating in 1799, his services were immediately secured by the trustees of Chesterfield Academy as preceptor of that institution, which position he held for six consecutive years. During this time, the Academy acquired an enviable reputation as a literary institution. Possessing a fine personal appearance, an unassumed dignity and firmness, yet easy and pleasant in his manners and conversation, it was said of him, that he commanded both the love and the fear of his pupils, and the respect of all.

On retiring from the preceptorship of the Academy, he engaged in trade at Chesterfield Center, and continued in that business during the remainder of his life. He was a member of the N. H. House of Representatives in 1808, '09, '10 and '11, and again in '21; a member of the State Senate in '12, '13, '14 and '15, and of the Council in '16 and '17. Modest and unassuming in his deportment, (unlike many of our modern politicians), the offices of honor and trust that he held were unbought and unsought by him, but bestowed upon him by an appreciative constituency in consideration of his eminent qualifications for the same.

A man of temperate habits and strong constitution, in the full strength and vigor of life and usefulness, and with a prospect before him amounting to nearly a certainty that, if his life was spared, he would soon be called to fill the highest office in the gift of the State, his unexpected death, which occurred Aug. 30, 1821, at the age of 49, was a severe loss to the town, the State and the community, and brought deep mourning upon his family and friends; but his memory will be cherished while virtue, honesty and intelligence are justly appreciated."

In politics Mr. Jackson was a Federalist, and, at the town-meeting held Sept. 4, 1812,—for the purpose, as was stated in

the warrant, "of taking the sense of the town on the alarming situation of our country, the conduct of our rulers, and the tendency of their measures,"—he was chosen chairman of the committee for drafting "a proposal for the town to act upon." The resolutions submitted to the town on that occasion, and adopted, are published in full on pages 108, 109. It is, of course, impossible to determine whether the phraseology of these resolutions was wholly Mr. Jackson's; but (however we may regard the political sentiments contained therein) it must be admitted that they have a true *Jacksonian ring*, which renders it highly probable that they were penned by himself. And in saying this, it is by no means intended to underrate the ability of the other gentlemen of the committee.

JOHNSON, ISRAEL, was in Chfd. in 1773, which year he purchased a part of lot No. 7, in the 15th range. His wife was Abial Higgins, who, after his death, m. Abner Harris, Jr. Israel lived (during the last years of his life at least) on the farm now owned and occupied by Chas. C. P. Goodrich, Esq. He d. May 16, 1802, in his 64th year. His wife Abial d. Jan. 15, 1826, a. 85. He is said to have had the following ch.: *Polly*, b. about 1776; m., 1791, John Kneeland (q. v.); d. Apr. 25, 1842.—*Israel*.—*Eliphaz*, b. 1780; unm. He lived many years in Brat., where he was noted for his witty sayings and extemporaneous poetry, specimens of which can be found in Henry Burnham's history of that town. He was commonly known as "Blind Johnson," on account of his defective eyesight. He d. in Chfd., Sept. 1, 1859, from injuries received by being run against by a team, at the Centre Village.—*Zebulon*.—*Thomas*.—*Flint*, m., 1792, Joanna Eastman.—*Chellis*.—*Fohn*, m. (perhaps), 1793, Sarah Hildreth.

JOHNSON.

1. CALEB JOHNSON, b. 1746, came from Petersham, Mass., probably in 1773, which year (Aug. 8) he purchased house-lot No. 11, in the 11th range. His wife was Sarah ———, d. Dec. 31, 1837, a. 90. He d. Dec. 24, 1832.

Ch.: *David S.*, b. 1775; d. young.—*Susanna*, d. young.—*Nabby*, b. Apr. 22, 1777.—*Caleb*, b. Aug. 25, 1779; m., 1809,

Lodisa, dau. of Thomas Farr [probably son of Abraham (1),] and who d. Apr. 19, 1847, a. 62. Resided in Chfd. He d. June 5, 1854. Had no ch.—*Joel*, b. Nov. 17, 1781.—*David* (2), b. Dec. 18, 1783.—*Perley* and *Polly*, b. Apr. 20, 1786. Perley rem. to the "Black River country," N. Y.—*Sally*, b. July 6, 1788.—*Fohn*, b. Aug. 24, 1791; unm. Is said to have been accidentally killed.

2. DAVID, son of Caleb (1), m. 1st, 1819, Phebe Wood, d. Jan. 8, 1832; 2d, Susan, dau. of Wm. Clark (1), and who d. Nov. 6, 1847. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 7, 1867.

Ch.: *George W.* (3), b. Apr. 28, 1820.—*Harriet M.*, b. May 4, 1822; m. 1st, 1840, Benj. F. Swan, of Tyngsboro', Mass., by which marriage she had 4 ch.: H. Evelina Swan, b. Dec. 26, 1841, and m., June 15, 1868, Albert O., son of Jessie Field (4); Abbie M. Swan, b. Nov. 19, 1843, and m., Apr. 15, 1869, Geo. Morse, physician, now of Gloucester, Mass., being also a physician herself; Benj. Herbert Swan, b. Sept. 7, 1845, and m., Mar. 13, 1873, Sarah E., dau. of Rodney Fletcher (7); Mary Ella Swan, b. Sept. 22, 1847. Harriet M. m. 2d, Mar. 26, 1859, Joshua W. Chamberlain (9).—*Liva Ann*, b. Jan. 9, 1825; d. Feb. 11, 1826.—*Sarah E.*, b. Feb. 23, 1827; m., Apr. 23, 1854, William, son of Nathan and Hannah (Farr) Franklin, of Wmd., and who d. in Chfd., June 1, 1878; she d. Sept. 12, 1873.

3. GEORGE W., son of David (2), m., May 10, 1855, Fannie Melissa, dau. of Asa Smith (11). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Ada M.*, b. Mar. 21, 1856; m., June 8, 1881, Wm. Larkin, son of Ephm. Amidon (4).—*Cora F.*, b. May 16, 1858; d. Oct. 25, 1863.—*Burton G.*, b. July 5, 1861.

JOHNSON, ZIBA, was in Chfd. in 1791; JONAS, in 1794; PETER, in 1795; WILDER, 1796—about 1800; ROBERT, 1798—1803.

JOHNSON, MOSES, b. Mar. 6, 1741, rem. from Stafford, Conn., to Putney, Vt., of which town he is said to have been one of the early settlers. In 1777, he, with others, commenced a settlement on land that now lies in the north part of Brookline, Vt. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and rose to the rank of lieutenant. Feb. 23, 1782, the Legislature of Vermont

granted to him and 33 others a tract of land containing 5040 acres, which tract was first called "Johnson's Gore," but which, Nov. 6. 1800, was incorporated into a township under the name of Acton. In 1840, Acton was annexed to Townshend. About 1792, he settled in Chfd., having married, for his second wife, Lydia, dau. of Peter Wheeler (1), and who d. at Putney, Apr. 16, 1816. He remained in Chfd. till about 1804, when he returned to Putney. While in Chfd. he engaged in the manufacture of malt, in a building that stood a little way north of the Wheeler brook, near the present highway leading past Elbridge Hubbard's and Russell H. Davis's, in school-district No. 9. He d. in Wmd., Sept. 3, 1835.

Ch.: (By second marriage) *Fane W.*, b. Jan. 11, 1791; m. John Hollenbeck; d. July 4, 1872.—*Lucinda*, b. Dec. 19, 1793; unm. She was drowned in the Connecticut, on the evening of July 1, 1811, at Putney ferry, as she was returning home from Chfd., where she had been on horseback. It is supposed that she was pushed out of the boat by her horse.—*Sarah W.*, b. July 5, 1796; m. 1st, Moses Day (q. v.); 2d, Erastus Downey, of New York.—*Olive D*, b. Jan. 1, 1799; m. Ashbel Johnson, of Putney.—*Moses*, b. Dec. 26, 1804.

JOHNSON, ABNER, was in Chfd. in 1776. He was one of the original trustees of the Academy. Selectman 1778, '81, '82, '89—'91. His wife's name has not been ascertained, but he had a son, *Martin*, d. in Chfd., Aug. 26, 1844, a. 72; a dau., who m. ——— Brockway, and probably other ch. He d. Mar. 19, 1826, a. 85.

JOHNSON, CHARLES, 1775—'95. His wife was Anna ———, d. Sept. 14, 1789, in her 40th year. Soldier 1775.

JOHNSON, ZEBEDIAH, m., 1788, Hannah Woods. Two ch. were recorded: *Zebediah*, b. Aug. 19, 1788, and d. 1796; *Israel*, b. Aug. 27, 1790.

JOHNSON, NATHAN, m. Emma ———, and had the following ch.: *Rebecca*, b. July 22, 1810; *Phebe*, b. Apr. 26, 1812; *Pherona*, b. Mar. 16, 1814; *Laura*, d. 1823, young.

JOHNSON, ASAH, 1787—about 1800. He appears to have had a son, *Asahel*.

JORDAN.

1. ELEAZER JORDAN settled in Chfd. as early as 1770. His wife was Phebe ———. Soldier 1775, '76, '77. He d. about 1830. He is said to have had the following ch., and perhaps others: *Polly*, b. Apr. 2, 1770.—*Amos* (2), b. July 2, 1771.—*Miles*, m., 1802, Anna Mason; d. in Chfd., at the poor-house, Nov., 1860.—*Zeri*.—*Benjamin*.—*Eleazer*, m., 1806, Clarissa, dau. of Nathaniel Bacon (1).—*Edmund*.—*Sylvanus*.—*William*.—*Hannah*.—*Lois*, m. Josiah Tombs (q. v.)
2. AMOS, son of Eleazer (1), m. Ruth, dau. of Ebenezer Streeter (q. v.) He d. in Chfd., at the poor-house, Mar., 1860.
Ch.: *Phebe*, b. Mar. 30, 1790.—*Jemima*, b. Sept. 28, 1791.—*Amos*, b. May 26, 1793.—*Ebenezer*, b. Apr. 10, 1795.—*Abigail*, b. Oct. 17, 1797.—*Zeri*, b. July 3, 1801.—*Eleazer*, b. June 25, 1805.—*Lorenzo*, b. Dec. 3, 1812.

JOSLYN, BENJAMIN, settled in Chfd. between 1807 and '12. He m. 1st, Betsey ———, d. Jan. 20, 1820, a. 65; 2d, 1824, Mrs. Rachel Rover. He d. Nov. 8, 1825, a. 79. A dau., *Sally*, d. Nov. 20, 1856, a. 64; a son, *Danl. Foster*, b. probably about 1798, resided in Chfd. a number of years after his father's death, but finally rem. to Amherst, Mass.

JOSLYN, ELBRIDGE G., m., 1813, Mary Hyde, of Putney, Vt., and who d. Sept. 15, 1819, a. 32. He d. in Chfd. (apparently) Aug. 28, 1815, a. 27.

KILLBURY, JOHN, m. Zerviah ———. His name disappears before 1787. Three ch. were recorded: *John*, b. Mar. 10, 1772; *Richard*, b. July 2, 1773; *Robert*, b. Dec. 13, 1774.

KIMBALL, WILLIAM, m., Jan. 20, 1780, at Wilton, Mehetabel Hutchinson. He d. in Chfd., July 8, 1790, in his 44th year. Four ch. were recorded: *Timothy*, b. Apr. 19, 1784; *Stephen*, b. Jan. 28, 1786; *Asa*, b. Dec. 14, 1787; *Abial*, b. Sept. 23, 1789, and d. 1790.

KING.

1. Dr. SAMUEL KING was residing in the 5th school-ward in 1785, but the date of his settlement in the town has not been determined. He is said to have lived in the house now occupied by Otis Safford, and which is situated near the Centre Village,

west of the highway leading from that village past the residence of Henry C. Marsh. His wife was Hannah ———. He probably d. before 1800. His ch., so far as known, were as follows : *Samuel* (2), b. about 1751.—*Lydia*, m. ——— Bingham.—*Sally*, d. June 2, 1787, in her 20th year.—*Betsey*, d. June 5, 1788, in her 14th year.

2. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (1), m. Molly, dau. of Ephm. Whitney (q. v.), and who, after her husband's death, m. Capt. Simon Willard (q. v.) Samuel appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1773, having come, probably, from Petersham, Mass. He was one of the most conspicuous characters in the history of the town. In 1776, he refused to sign the "Association Test," and, in June, 1777, he was summoned before the "court of inquiry," at Keene, "as being inimical to the United States of America;" was tried, and sentenced to pay a fine and to be confined to the limits of his farm. (See p. 58.) When the controversy about the "Grants" was at its height, he espoused the cause of Vermont, and labored strenuously to effect the union of the disaffected towns with that State, and at one time held a commission as colonel in the Vermont militia. (See Chap. III.) According to the records of the superior court of Cheshire county, he was indicted, at the same time with Samuel Davis, for attempting to break up the inferior court in Sept., 1782; but this indictment was not prosecuted. (See p. 84.) In 1781, he was chosen, together with Dea. Silas Thompson, to represent Chfd. in the General Assembly of Vermont, and was selectman the same, and the following, year. In '82, '83 and '84, he represented the town in the General Court of N. H. He d. Sept. 13, 1785, in his 34th year, and was buried in the old town grave-yard, at the Centre Village. In his will, which was made twelve days before his death, he devised the use of his farm to his father and mother, and made certain provisions respecting his sisters and his children. The appraised value of his estate was 2497 pounds 9 shillings 4 pence.

Ch.: *Polly*, b Oct. 4, 1772; m., 1790, Ora Harvey (3); d. Mar. 21, 1846.—*Susanna*, b. Aug. 3, 1775; m. 1st, 1793, Jacob, son of Eleazer Jackson (1); 2d, James Robertson (4); d. May 17, 1833.—*Samuel* (3), b. Nov. 10, 1778.—*Sally*, b.

Sept. 21, 1780; d. Mar. 22, 1781.—*Sally*, b. Nov. 26, 1782; m., 1808, Luther Chapman (then of Swzy.)—*Thirzy*, b. May 7, 1785; m., 1803, Jason Tyler (3); d. in Wincr., Aug. 17, 1851.

3. SAMUEL, son of Samuel (2), m., 1796, Sally Davis, b. Apr. 25, 1730, and d. Aug. 20, 1848. About 1800, he rem. to Littleton, and afterwards to Vermont and Maine, finally settling at St. Stephens, N. B., where he d. Jan. 13, 1834. Both he and his wife were buried at Calais, Me.

Ch.: *Willard*, b. Dec. 21, 1796.—*Gilman D.*, b. Apr. 3, 1799.—*Almena*, b. in Littleton, June 15, 1801.—*Lorraine*, b. in Lunenburg, Vt., Apr. 5, 1803.—*Velona*, b. in Waterville, Me., May 10, 1805.—*Adeline*, b. in Waterville, June 12, 1807.—*Thirza*, b. in Waterville, Aug. 21, 1809.—*Samuel T.*, b. in St. Stephens, N. B., (as were also all the following), Dec. 9, 1811.—*Ora H.*, b. July 28, 1814.—*Minerva*, b. Feb. 24, 1817.—*Laura S.*, b. Apr. 15, 1819.—*Rex*, b. Nov. 6, 1822.—*Sally H.*, b. July 4, 1826.

KING, RICHARD, 1793—between 1815 and '19; ISAAC, 1796.

KINGSBURY, ABIJAH, was in Chfd. in 1776. His wife was Survinah ——— His name is not found after 1802. Four ch. were recorded: *Amaziah*, b. May 10, 1782; *Francis*, b. July 19, 1785; *Polly*, b. Feb. 22, 1787; *Abijah*, b. Mar. 12, 1789.

KINGSBURY, PHILIP, 1787—'91; ELISHA, 1787—'92; ABIJAH, Second, 1796—1802; BENJAMIN, 1798—; LORING, 1812.

KNEELAND, JOHN, son of Timothy Kneeland, was born in Gardner, Mass., in 1766 or '67. In 1791, he m. Polly, dau. of Israel Johnson (q. v.), and who d. Apr. 25, 1842, in her 67th year. He was a carpenter by trade, and helped build, in 1790, the large square house near the West Village, now owned and occupied by Ira D. Farr. He lived a few years after his marriage in Dum., but returned to Chfd. about 1797. He resided many years on the farm now owned and occupied by Chas. C. P. Goodrich, Esq., and which has long been known as the "Squire Kneeland farm." He was a justice of the peace for many years, and held the office of selectman longer than it has

ever been held by any other person since the town was incorporated; viz, 1806, '08, '10, '12—'16, '20—'26, or 16 years in all. He was also representative 1818—'20, '22 and '25. He d. Feb. 9, 1850, a. 83.

Ch.: *Polly*, b. in Dum., July 15, 1794; m., 1817, Joseph Clark (2); d. May 7, 1850.—*Cynthia*, b. in Dum., June 23, 1797; m., 1820, Levi, son of Constant Merrick (1); d. in Bangor, N. Y.—*Electa*, b. in Chfd., Aug. 10, 1799; m., 1820, Ezra Titus (3); d. Feb. 26, 1869.—*Lucy*, b. Apr. 26, 1803; m., 1828, Josiah Higgins (4); d. Oct. 17, 1872.—*Arza*, b. Mar. 1, 1806; d. Aug. 4, 1825.—*Abial*, b. May 15, 1809; m., Mar. 3, 1831, Worcester Farr (11).—*Eliza*, b. Aug. 6, 1811; m. Archibald McCorcle, of Belton, Bell Co., Texas.—*John W.*, b. July 23, 1814; m. Mary Austin, of Me.; d. at Rogersville, Tenn., in 1855.

KNEELAND, ABNER, brother of John Kneeland (q. v.), b. in Gardner, Mass., Apr. 7, 1774, was never a permanent resident of Chfd.; yet a brief sketch of his career may not be out of place here, as he occasionally visited the town, and preached from the porch of the house which his brother John helped build (now owned by Ira D. Farr.) He began his ministerial career, as a Baptist, in 1801. In Sept., 1803, he joined the General Convention of the Universalists; was ordained in 1804; was settled as pastor of the Universalist society at Langdon in the autumn of 1805; rem. to Charlestown, Mass., in the autumn of 1811; to Salem in 1814; to New Hartford, N. Y., in 1816; to Philadelphia in 1818; to New York in 1825; to Boston in 1830. In 1818, he delivered in Phila. a series of discourses entitled "Lectures on the Doctrine of Universal Benevolence," which were afterwards published. He also began, while in that city, the publication of "The Christian Messenger." In 1829, he renounced Christianity, and, in 1832, established at Boston the paper called "The Investigator."

In Jan., 1834, he was indicted for blasphemy, and tried and convicted in the municipal court, from whose decision he appealed to the superior court. After several trials, in which the jury could not agree, he was finally convicted (Nov., 1835.) In March, 1836, he was heard before the full bench of judges,

who decided against him; and, in June, 1838, he was sentenced to be imprisoned 60 days, which sentence was carried out. He afterwards left New England, and settled at Salubria, a village in the township of Farmington, Van Buren Co., Ia., where he d. Aug. 27, 1844. Some of the principal works published by him were as follows:

Griesbach's New Testament (Greek), with an English version.

Columbian Miscellany: Keene, 1804.

Brief Sketch of a New System of Orthography: Walpole, 1807.

The Deist (in 2 vols.), 1822.

Appeal to Universalists, 1829.

Review of the Evidences of Christianity.

Mr. Kneeland was married four times, and had ten children, one of whom, Abner Ormsbee Kneeland, now lives in Alstead. It is to him that the compiler is mainly indebted for the facts relating to his father, as given above.

LADD, TIMOTHY, and his wife, Rachel, came from Coventry, Ct. It is certain that Timothy was in Chfd. in 1765, for, July 30, of that year, he purchased lot No. 3, in the 11th range. It is uncertain, however, whether he first settled on this lot or on land lying in, or near, what is now the Centre Village. About 1777, he appears to have settled on what was long known as the "Ladd farm," and which consisted in part, at least, of lot No. 5, in the 12th range. There are good reasons for believing that he lived in Hins. a short time prior to 1777. Selectman 1771, '72. His wife Rachel d. Oct. 25, 1818, in her 78th year. He d. Aug. 30, 1834, at the great age of 96 years.

Ch.: *Esther*, b. Sept. 26, 1762; m. Jacob Amidon (1); d. Mar. 26, 1852.—*Abigail*, b. Feb. 19, 1765; m., 1787, Dr. Oliver Atherton (3).—*Zebulon*, b. Oct. 10, 1767; resided in Chfd. many years.—*Rachel*, b. May 27, 1770; d. June 21, 1790, unm.—*Timothy*, b. Feb. 22, 1773. His name disappears about 1800.—*Pascal*, b. July 3, 1779; d. Aug. 1, 1792.

LATHAM, JAMES, d. in Chfd., July 8, 1792, in his 84th year.

LATHAM, ARTHUR, probably from Wincr., settled in the southeastern quarter of this town between 1776 and '81. He rem.

from the town, probably about 1810, and is said to have d. at Highgate, Vt. His wife was Margaret ———. His ch., so far as known, were: *Arthur*, d. May 1, 1790, in his 22d year. — *Asa*, m. Lydia, dau. of Ezekiel Powers (1). His name disappears about 1800. Two ch. were recorded: Lucinda, b. Aug. 22, 1795, and m., 1820, Otis, son of Wm. Farr (2); Olive, b. Sept. 1, 1797. — *Benjamin*. — *Joseph*, b. June 4, 1778. — *Andrew*, b. Sept. 25, 1781.

LEE, WILLIAM, m., 1778, in Chfd. (apparently), Sarah, probably dau. of Ephm. Baldwin (q. v.) In 1781, he was appointed a justice of the peace for Cheshire county. His name is not found after 1787. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Joanna*, b. July 16, 1778; *Lemuel*, b. May 26, 1781.

LEET, JEREMIAH J., b. probably in Claremont, in 1792, m. Sarah M. Randall, of Springfield, Vt., d. in Chfd., July 11, 1877. He settled in this town in 1837 or '38, on the farm once owned by Silas Richardson. He d. Apr. 23, 1873, a. 80 years 8 mos., leaving 2 daughters, viz.: *Marietta*, m. ——— Lockwood; *Sarah Jane*, m. 1st, Geo. Corey, and 2d, James L. Wilson. A son, *Ezekiel S.*, d. June 14, 1849, a. 19; another, *David S.*, d. Sept. 28, 1860, a. 25; a third, *Amos*, is still living, and unm.

LEWIS.

1. REUBEN LEWIS, son of Sarah Bancroft, afterwards wife of James Robertson (2), b. in Dunstable, Mass., June 13, 1763, m., 1787, Mary Fisk, b. in Upton, Mass., Apr. 29, 1770, and d. in Shelburne, Mass., June 21, 1848. He purchased in Chfd., Jan. 25, 1785, lot No. 10, in the 5th range, and probably settled on the same soon after. He resided in Chfd. till Oct., 1845, when he went to Shelburne, Mass., where he d. the 5th day of the following December.

Ch.: *Laban*, b. Sept. 9, 1787; m. Sarah Tarble, of Groton, Mass.; d. in Freedom, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1861. He was the father of 15 ch — *Sarah*, b. July 29, 1789; m., 1816, Samuel W. Wood, of Shelburne; d. July 26, 1871. — *Amherst* (2), b. July 9, 1793. — *Emeline*, b. Nov. 12, 1795; m., 1816, Richard Hopkins (2); d. Mar. 11, 1877. — *Wesley*, b. June 21, 1800;

m. Lucretia Perham, of Upton, Mass., where he settled; d. in Worcester, Mass., Feb., 1865.—*Ralph*, b. Feb. 2, 1802; m. ———, and settled in Freedom, N. Y., where he d. Mar. 21, 1857.—*Mary*, b. June 25, 1810; m., 1830, Simon, son of Ebenezer Cheney (q. v.)

2. AMHERST, son of Reuben (1), m., 1832, Lucinda Bancroft, d. Feb. 2, 1858, a. nearly 51. Resided in Chfd. He d. June 30, 1861.

Ch.: *Martha A.*, b. Feb. 13, 1833; m. Amos C., son of Amos Crouch (5).—*Mary F.*, b. Nov. 17, 1834; m. Geo. H., son of Comfort Crowninshield (2).—*Charles B.*, b. June 25, 1838; m., Nov. 26, 1872, Rhoda M., dau. of Marshall B. Shaw (q. v.).—*Reuben A.*, b. Mar. 24, 1840; m. Rosella S., dau. of Arza K. Clark (5). Res. in Hins.—*George W.*, b. Aug. 27, 1841; m. Maria I. Greig. Res. in Hins.—*Helena A. E.*, b. Jan. 28, 1849; d. Apr. 16, 1850.

LINCOLN, WILLIAM, came from Wmd. and settled in Chfd. about 1830. He m. Nancy H. Clark, d. Mar. 11, 1877, in her 75th year. He d. Oct., 1850.

Ch.: *Louisa F.*, b. Jan. 24, 1830; m. Wm. Farrington, of Grafton, Mass.—*Leonard C.*, b. May 5, 1833; d. May 9, 1848.—*Levi H.*, b. July 5, 1834; m. Elizabeth C., dau. of Elisha Hill (q. v.) Farmer in Chfd.—*Lewis S.*, b. Jan. 4, 1837; d. Apr., 1855.—*Lucian O.*, b. Aug. 11, 1839; m. Lenacy, dau. of Davis Field, of Wincr. Res. in Chfd.—*Mary E.*, b. June 2, 1842; m. Preston Hewitt, of Chfd.—*Horace S.*, b. Apr. 5, 1845; m. Ella M., dau. of James W. Scott (8). Res. in Chfd.

LONG, ISAAC G., m. Remembrance ———, and had a son, *Joseph G.*, b. Feb. 17, 1815.

MAKEPEACE, AMASA, m. Betsey ———. Selectman 1808, '10. The following ch. were recorded: *Betsey*, b. June 26, 1801; *Allen*, b. Sept. 28, 1802; *Alfred L.*, b. Nov. 3, 1804; *Ransom*, b. Sept. 18, 1806; *Julia*, b. Dec. 23, 1808.

MARSH.

Rev. Elisha Marsh graduated at Harvard College, and was pastor of the Congregational church at Westminster, Mass., from Oct. 20, 1742, till 1757. He afterwards rem. to Walpole, this State, and engaged in the practice of law, becoming a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Cheshire county. His

death is said to have resulted from injuries caused by being thrown from his horse. One of his sons, Benjamin (1), b. June 7, 1754, settled in Chfd. A dau., Deborah, also d. in Chfd., unm.

1. BENJAMIN MARSH, son of Rev. Elisha Marsh, came from Walpole to Chfd. probably about 1785. He m., 1788, Mrs. Hannah Graves, (b. Nov., 1757,) wid. of Reuben Graves (q. v.), and settled where the latter lived previous to his death. Benjamin d. Apr. 7, 1811. His wife d. Apr. 12, 1819.

Ch.: *Reuben* (2), b. Dec. 20, 1788.—*Asa* (3), b. Apr. 22, 1791.—*Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 2, 1797; m. Jotham Glazier, of West Boylston, Mass., where she d. Jan. 26, 1854.—*Mary L.*, b. Sept. 25, 1804; m. ——— Reed, of West Boylston, where she d. Dec. 4, 1875.

2. REUBEN, son of Benjamin (1), m., 1815, Mary, dau. of Joab Wetherbee (1), and who d. Feb. 10, 1859, a. 65. Resided in Chfd. In the autumn of 1814, he was captain of one of the companies of the 2d Regt. of detached militia, stationed at Portsmouth. (See p. 110.) Selectman 1839, '42—'44. He d. Nov. 16, 1855.

Ch.: *Laura A. H.*, b. Aug. 20, 1817; m., 1837, Ebenezer P. Wetherell, a resident of Chfd. from 1851 to '76. Res. at present in Brat. They have had 3 ch., all b. in Boston: *Charlotte M.*, m., Jan. 31, 1872, Aurelius P. Hall (3), and d. Sept. 4, 1878, a. 40; *Francis E.*, d. in N. Y. City, Apr. 10, 1878, a. 36; *Ella C.*, b. Oct. 4, 1845, and m. 1st, Dec. 28, 1870, Frederick Shumway, and 2d, June 15, 1876, Oscar D. Esterbrooks, of Brat.—*Mary W.*, b. Nov. 15, 1819; m., 1844, Edwin Goodnow, of Hins.—*Benj. Lloyd* (4), b. Nov. 8, 1823.—*Sophira S.*, b. Feb. 5, 1827; m., 1845, Arza K. Clark (5).—*Charlotte* and *Charles* (5), b. Nov. 6, 1829. *Charlotte* m., 1849, Henry Fletcher (8).—*Helen E.*, b. Mar. 23, 1840; m. S. E. Howard. Res. in Geneseo, Ill.

4. BENJ. LLOYD, son of Reuben (2), m. Anna Smith, of Boston, where he d. June 13, 1865.

In 1851, he became a member of the great dry-goods firm of "Jordan, Marsh & Co.," of Boston, the senior partner of which is Eben D. Jordan. The business of this firm has constantly increased during the thirty years of its existence, till it has



Chas. Marsh.

come to assume colossal proportions. Mr. Marsh was connected with the firm till the time of his death, "having shared in all the struggles, vicissitudes and triumphs of the house. He was a whole-souled, true man; a staunch friend, an able merchant. Between himself and Mr. Jordan the most affectionate relations existed, and his memory is cherished in the house with profound respect. He was so noble a man that, quite aside from their business relations, all members of the firm entertained for him a deep and genuine regard."

Ch.: *Cora.—Mary.*

5. CHARLES, son of Reuben (2), m. Julia M. Barrett, of Boston, where he res. In 1852, he was admitted as a partner into the firm to which his brother, Benjamin L., belonged, and with which he has ever since been connected. For the following facts relating to his career as a merchant, the compiler is indebted to a history of the firm published in some of the Boston newspapers in the autumn of 1880, soon after the opening of its great retail store in that city:

"The young merchants opened a small jobbing store, in the dry-goods line, at 129 Milk street. They had comparatively a small capital, but they multiplied that many times, by their characters, their knowledge of the business, their courage, and their 'genius for hard work.' They had but three clerks, and worked themselves harder than they expected any man to work for them. Mr. Jordan, being married, was allowed \$1200 a year for expenses, and the other partners, who were single, \$600 each. They lived on that for the first eight years, until their business had grown to \$2,000,000 a year."

Both the wholesale and the retail business of the house have kept increasing, till the area covered by the latter alone is equal to six acres. Under the single roof of the immense retail store erected in 1880, are employed, in the busy season, upwards of 2000 persons. Yet this is but a part of the business conducted by Jordan, Marsh & Co., not only in Boston but in other cities and towns. Of the subject of this sketch the following language is used in the article referred to above:

"Like Mr. Jordan, he came to Boston, in 1846, a boy with his own way to make in the world. Like him, he began at the bottom, and won success by deserving it. For five years he served as a clerk with Pearl, Smith & Co., in Hanover street. In the early days of the present firm he was an active salesman, and was accounted one of the best ever known in Boston. With the

growth of the house his duties have been chiefly in connection with the wholesale branch, which is under his personal supervision. In commercial circles and in the store he has a clearly defined and high rank as a manager, with a rare combination of talents, and, though perhaps less known to the general public as a personality than the senior partner, he supplements and complements the other, making together one of the strongest combinations known to-day in the trade. * * * The elements of personal popularity in his character, and his extensive acquaintance throughout the country, help to explain his success. For nearly thirty years his steady hand has been felt at the helm, and yet he seems to-day only in the prime of his powers."

Ch.: *Edith B.—Mabel M.—Chas. Reuben.*

3. ASA, son of Benjamin (1), m., 1821, Elizabeth, dau. of Isaac Hall (1), and who d. Mar. 18, 1878, a. 85. He settled in Chfd. on the paternal farm, and built, about 1820, the house now owned and occupied by his son Henry C. He also built, in 1849, the present "stone store" at the Centre Village. Selectman 1836. He d. Feb. 21, 1875.

Ch.: *Ellen E.*, b. Dec. 24, 1823; m. John L. Pierce (7).—*John Q. A.* (6), b. Oct. 13, 1826.—*Henry C.*, b. Nov. 3, 1828; m., Nov., 1878, Mrs. Emily J. Darling, wid. of Henry N. Darling, and dau. of Geo. Atherton (8). Farmer in Chfd.—*Frederick W.*, b. Jan. 14, 1831; m. 1st, 1856, Mary J. Robinson, of Boston, d. Aug. 4, 1869; 2d, June 14, 1871, Ellen M. Allen, of Boston. Merchant at Chester Depot, Vt. Has one son, George F., b. Feb. 2, 1877.—*George H.*, b. Nov. 26, 1833; m., Sept. 18, 1858, Cornelia M., dau. of Noyes Darling (7). Res. in Mankato, Minn., of which town he was one of the first settlers, and where he has been extensively engaged in trade.—*Mary Augusta*, b. Feb. 15, 1836; unm; d. Mar. 6, 1875. She was a school-teacher of much experience, having been engaged in teaching for many years.

6. JOHN Q. A., son of Asa (3), m., Jan. 27, 1859, Sarah J. Hanna. In April, 1854, he left Chfd., and arrived at Mankato, Minn., (whither his brother George had previously gone), the 20th day of the following month. The population of that part of Minn. then consisted mostly of Indians, with whom he carried on a large and profitable trade for several years. He still res. in Mankato.

Ch.: *Charles M.*, b. Apr. 9, 1863.—*Mary E. H.*, b. Dec. 14, 1864.

McCLENNING, JOHN, from Littleton, Mass., m. 1st, 1839, Emeline H., dau. of Ezra Fisk (3), and who d. Jan. 2, 1856, a 37; 2d, Nov. 29, 1864, Eliza, dau. of Aaron C. Brown (1). Mechanic. He d. Mar. 16, 1878.

Ch.: *Charles F.*, b. Oct. 16, 1839; d. 25th of the same month.—*John H.*, b. Dec. 22, 1841; d. in the Union army, Aug. 8, 1863; unm.—*Hannah M.*, b. Sept. 25, 1843; m., Aug., 1865. Stephen P., son of Benjamin B. Faulkner (2).—*William W.*, b. Nov. 18, 1845; m., Mar. 12, 1868, Martha M., dau. of Benjamin B. Faulkner (2).—*Caroline M.*, b. Mar. 16, 1848; m. Charles Butler, of Keene.—*Mary E.*, b. Feb. 2, 1850.—*Geo. W. Eugene*, b. Mar. 31, 1852.—*Chester M.*, b. Nov. 15, 1853; m., Feb. 19, 1879, Emogene E., dau. of Amos E. Brown (2).—*Walter I.*, b. Sept. 13, 1855; d. Sept. 4, 1856.—*Emeline E.*, b. Dec. 31, 1865.—*Lucy E.*, b. Oct. 16, 1867.

MEAD.*

The Meads in England were an ancient and honorable family, and date back in their early history, so far as is positively known, to the beginning of the fifteenth century. Among the distinguished members of the family in the 16th and 17th centuries, may be mentioned the Rev Joseph Mede, a learned commentator on the Apocalypse, who was born in Essex county, Eng., in 1586, and William Mead, a famous Quaker, who was almost as prominent as Penn himself. Though the different branches of the family spelled the name somewhat differently, it is quite likely that they all had a common origin. One of the most distinguished branches was the Buckinghamshire branch, and it is inferred from its evident Puritanism that many of its members came to New England. Many persons of the name of Mead emigrated at an early period from England to America, among whom was Gabriel Mead, otherwise called "Goodman" Mead. Gabriel settled in Dorchester, Mass., probably about 1635; was made freeman May 2, 1638, and d. May 12, 1666, a 79 years. In his will, made in 1654, he mentioned four daughters and two sons, Israel and David. David m., at Watertown, Mass., in 1675, Hannah Warren, and had, at least, six ch., one of whom was David, Jr., b. 1678. David, Jr., m., in 1708, Hannah, dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Tidd) Smith, and settled in Watertown (which then included Waltham), near the Lexington line. His wife d. Oct. 4, 1723; he d. Feb. 25, 1767. His third son, Matthew, b. Aug. 9,

*What follows relating to the Mead Family, has been abridged, for the most part, from a manuscript history of the descendants of Gabriel Mead, prepared by Dr. Wm. B. Mead, of Providence, R. I.

1717, m., in 1754, Martha Danforth, of Billerica, Mass., d. Aug. 8, 1792, in her 68th year. Matthew resided in Lexington, about half a mile below the Common, near the site of the present town-hall. Among the houses that were plundered and fired by the British soldiery on the eventful nineteenth of April, 1775, at Lexington, was that of Matthew Mead. Fortunately it was not destroyed, though much of the furniture was broken up. Two pieces of the latter, however, escaped destruction, namely, a desk and a chest of drawers. Both once graced the old "Mead tavern" at the Centre Village, in Chesterfield, and are still preserved by members of the family—one in Providence, R. I., the other in N. Y. City. Matthew d. Apr. 1, 1796. His ch. were: Ward, b. Dec. 16, 1755; Martha, b. Aug. 10, 1756; Rhoda, b. July 8, 1758; Levi (1), b. Oct. 14, 1759; Josiah, b. Oct. 18, 1761; Elias, d. in infancy.

1. LEVI MEAD, son of Matthew, of Lexington, Mass., and a descendant of Gabriel Mead, who came from Eng., as related above, m., at Boston, Sept. 16, 1782, Betsey, dau. of Joseph Converse (1), and who d. Dec. 4, 1842. At the time the British came up to Lexington, on the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, he was less than 16 years old. News of their coming had been brought at a little past midnight by Paul Revere. Levi's father and mother, and sister Rhoda, went across the fields to Lincoln, as a place of safety, while he and his brother Josiah remained behind and awaited the approach of the British, having taken a position on an eminence not far from the house. As the British approached their father's house, the boys saw a flank guard enter it, and, after a brief stay, leave on their way to "Lexington Common." They then returned to the house, where they found that the soldiers had not only smashed much of the furniture, but had tried to set fire to the building. Extinguishing what little fire they found, the boys hastened on toward the Common, and got into a barn, from which they watched the proceedings of the British regulars and the American militia. When the former fired, they concluded that the "best part of valor" was to retire, which they did at the "double quick." Levi, however, afterwards joined the Americans, and followed the British on their way to Concord, sharing the glory of that day as "powder-horn bearer." He soon after enlisted in the American army, and served the cause of freedom during the whole war. According to a family tradition, he left the army with a captain's commission granted by Washington him-

self, upon whose staff he is also said to have served. Up to the time of his removal to Chfd., he resided in Lexington, occupying the old, historic mansion of his father.

In October, 1800, he purchased of Asa Britton, of this town, what is known as the "Mead farm," having a frontage on the main street, at the Centre Village, extending from the old "back-road" (leading westward, and now disused), to the "Dr. Tyler place." In the spring of 1801, he came to Chfd. with his family, and occupied the next house south of the Tyler place, which he kept as a tavern. In 1816, he built the present tavern at the Centre Village, long known as the "Mead tavern." In 1802, he was appointed deputy-sheriff for Cheshire county, and held this office many years. He d. Apr. 29, 1828, and was buried with imposing Masonic ceremonies.

Ch.: (Only the last two b. in Chfd.) *Levi* (2), b. Jan. 6, 1784.—*Joseph* (3), b. Aug. 17, 1785.—*James*, b. Aug. 4, 1788; m. Velona (or Vellonia), dau. of Nathan Farwell (2), and had, at least, the following ch.: Amanda, Betsey, James, Levi, and John, killed at the first battle of Bull Run, Va. He d. May 30, 1841.—*Bradley* (4), b. May 26, 1792.—*Larkin Goldsmith* (5), b. Oct. 2, 1795.—*Elias* (6), b. Mar. 7, 1799.—*Marshall Spring* (7), b. June 4, 1802.—*Betsey Raymond*, b. Oct. 18, 1805; m., Oct. 18, 1831, Thomas D. Doak, merchant, of Northfield, Mass. They rem. in 1846 to Clinton, N. Y., and in 1858 to New Castle, near Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She d. at New Castle, Aug. 14, 1860, and was buried at Northfield.

2. LEVI, son of Levi (1), m., Feb. 17, 1805, Lemira, dau. of Rufus Harvey (2), and who d. May 10, 1862. Rem. to Chicopee, Mass., in 1829. He d. Mar. 5, 1861.

Ch.: *Charlotte*, b. Apr. 10, 1808; m., Oct. 3, 1835, Edward Cooley, of Chicopee; d. Aug. 30, 1857.—*Caroline F.*, b. Jan. 18, 1810; m., Sept. 18, 1835, Augustus Brown, of Lancaster, Penn. Res. in Boston.—*Emeline*, b. Jan. 26, 1812; m., Feb. 5, 1836, Saml. C. Dennis, of Concord, Mass. Res. in Providence, R. I.—*Martha C.*, b. May 29, 1813; m., Nov.

25, 1832, Wm. Miller, of Chicopee. Res. in Boston.—*Almira*, b. Jan. 12, 1815; m., Dec. 12, 1839, Capt. Nathaniel Cutler, of Chicopee, Mass., where she d. Mar. 30, 1880.—*Charles W.*, b. July 4, 1816; m., Sept. 25, 1844, Clementine Thompson, of Maine, d. Nov. 6, 1853. Res. at Chicopee.—*Marshall B.*, b. Aug. 25, 1818; m., May 14, 1844, Martha A., dau. of John R. and Martha (Warner) Emmes, of Providence, where he practised dentistry for more than 30 years. He d. July 31, 1879, after many years of severe suffering.—*Adelia E.*, b. Nov. 21, 1819; m. 1st, May 7, 1842, George M. Southworth, of Springfield, Mass., d. Sept. 23, 1851; 2d, Dec. 23, 1856, Wm. Ball, of Chicopee, d. 1870. Res. in Springfield.—*Sally Maria*, b. Apr. 11, 1823; m. 1st, July 29, 1840, Azel Sherman, of Chicopee, d. Mar. 27, 1846; 2d, Dec. 11, 1847, Lucius J. Heath. Res. in Chicopee.—*Rhoda Ann*, b. Apr. 10, 1825; m., Jan. 25, 1845, Philip Case, of Providence, where she res. Mr. Case d. Jan. 2, 1871.—*Larkin G.*, b. Apr. 6, 1827; m., Nov. 6, 1854, Hope R., dau. of Dr. Marshall S. Mead (7). Dentist in Boston. In 1862, he was assistant surgeon of the 18th Regt. Wis. volunteers, and took part in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, in which his regiment was nearly destroyed.

3. JOSEPH, son of Levi (1), m., Mar. 10, 1812, Lydia, dau. of Levi Farwell (q. v.), and who d. Feb. 24, 1866. He rem., in 1812, to Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., where he began the practice of medicine, but soon joined the army as a surgeon. He afterwards practised in Middleburg and Catskill, N. Y., and finally settled in Troy, N. Y., where he d. Feb. 19, 1838.

Ch.: *Angelica*, b. Sept. 6, 1813; d. young.—*Fane D.*, b. Oct. 14, 1816; m., 1833, Jeremiah W. Brower, of New York, d. Sept. 15, 1870. Res. in Lansingburgh, N. Y.—*Elizabeth C.*, b. Mar. 14, 1821; m. Jacob Stone, of Troy. Res. in Batavia, N. Y.

4. BRADLEY, son of Levi (1), m. 1st, Charlotte, dau. of Col. Josiah Hastings (8), and who was b. Mar. 24, 1796, and d. Apr. 29, 1841. Her maternal grandfather was John Sargeant, who is said to have been the first white child born in Vermont. Bradley m. 2d, Jan. 31, 1844, Widow Sarah W. Jones, dau.

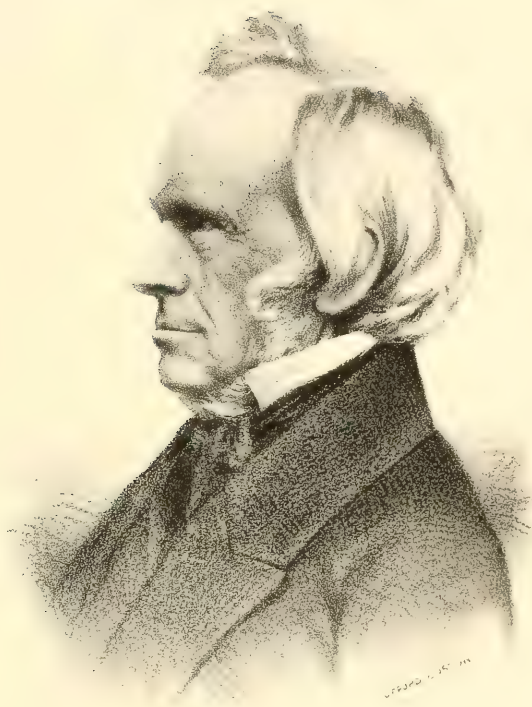
of Amaziah Stone (4), and who d. Feb. 13, 1856. Resided in Chfd. In the autumn of 1814, he was a lieutenant in Capt. Reuben Marsh's company of detached militia, stationed at Portsmouth, and was afterwards commissioned captain. He devoted himself mainly to agricultural pursuits, and the raising and purchasing of cattle, many of which, sleek and well fattened, graced the Brighton market. As an occasional episode in his life, he played the Boniface in the tavern that his father built. He was a man of clear perceptions, and original and vigorous in his expressions. When roused by sudden excitement, or by some fancied wrong, he would ejaculate in those well-remembered ringing tones which his fellow townsmen denominated "whispers." He d. suddenly in Providence, R. I., on All Hallow Eve, 1871, and was laid by reverent hands beside the dust of his kindred.

Ch.: *George Larkin*, b. May 18, 1816; unm.; d. Aug. 30, 1841.—*Cornelia Maria*, b. Dec. 23, 1818; unm.; d. May 5, 1839.—*Charlotte Helen*, b. Oct. 23, 1820; m., Sept. 9, 1844, Elijah Willard, of Wincr., where she d. May 28, 1859.—*William Bradley*, b. Jan. 2, 1823; m., Aug. 24, 1852, while residing in St. Louis, Mo., Maria C., dau. of Capt. Budd and Mary (Hinckley) Parsons, formerly of Bangor, Me. In 1842, he began the study of medicine under Dr. Amos Twitchell, of Keene, and, in 1844, entered the office of Dr. Marshall B. Mead, of Providence, R. I., then a leading dentist of that city. After residing many years in the West, he returned, in April, 1869, to Providence, where he still pursues his chosen profession.—*John Sargeant*, b. Feb. 13, 1825; m., Mar. 11, 1846, Caroline P. Willard, of Wincr., where he resided till 1856, when he rem. to Milford, Mass., where he still res., and by whose citizens he has been honored with numerous offices of public trust.—*Mary Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 1, 1830; m., Feb. 4, 1851, Henry O. Coolidge (2); d. July 11, 1878.—*Frances Eliza*, b. Jan. 9, 1833; m., Apr. 4, 1854, George, son of Francis Henry, Second, (q. v.) Res. in Randolph, Mass.—*George Jones*, b. Nov. 13, 1844; m., Mar. 21, 1871, Anna M. Wilhelm, of Mishawauka, Ind. Dentist in Erie, Penn.—*Anna Maria*, b. Oct. 26, 1847.—*Edwin Doak*, b. Sept. 29, 1849. In 1866,

he entered the publishing house of Ticknor & Fields, at Boston, where he remained 9 years. He then went to Europe, and spent 4 years in study in England and Germany, returning in Nov., 1879. He is now engaged in literary pursuits, and has recently published a work entitled "The Philosophy of Carlyle."—*Nellie Fane*, b. July 5, 1854; d. in Boston, May 19, 1872.

5. LARKIN G., son of Levi (1), m., June 8, 1829, Mary Jane, dau. of Hon. John and Polly (Hayes) Noyes, of Putney, Vt., and who was b. Sept. 16, 1806, and d. at Scotch Plains, N. J., Aug. 24, 1876. He was educated at the Chesterfield Academy and at Dartmouth College, and then read law with Hon. Phineas Handerson. For many years he was a prominent member of the Cheshire bar. He was a man of culture, and possessed rare business qualities, which commanded the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen. He was ever foremost in promoting the cause of education, and took great interest in the public schools. In 1839, he rem. to Brattleboro', where he resided the remainder of his life, and where he continued to practise his profession. He procured the charter for the first savings bank in Vermont, now called the "Vermont Savings Bank of Brattleboro'," and was treasurer of the institution about 25 years. In 1846, he was a member of the Vermont Senate. He d. July 6, 1869.

Ch.: *John Noyes*, b. Apr. 2, 1831; d. Aug. 15, 1850. At the time of his death he was a member of the senior class in Harvard College.—*Charles Levi*, b. Jan. 21, 1833; m., May 12, 1864, Isabella S. Martin, of Walpole. He is a member of the Stanley Rule Company, of New Britain, Conn. He res. in N. Y. City, superintending the extensive ware-rooms and managing the affairs of the company.—*Larkin Goldsmith* (8), b. Jan. 3, 1835.—*Elinor Gertrude*, b. May 1, 1837; m., Dec. 24, 1862, in Paris, France, Wm. Dean Howells, then U. S. Consul at Venice, where they resided several years. They reside at present at Belmont, Mass. Mr. Howells was for some time the well-known editor of the "Atlantic Monthly."—*Albert*, b. Mar. 18, 1840; d. Sept. 16, 1856.—*Joanna Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 30, 1842; m., Sept. 25, 1862, Augustus D. Shepard,



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of N. Y. City.—*Mary Noyes*, b. June 6, 1844.—*Wm. Rutherford*, b. Aug. 20, 1846. He is a member of the firm of "McKim, Mead and White," architects, No. 57, Broadway, New York.—*Frederick Goodhue*, b. Mar. 19, 1848. He is with his brother-in-law, Mr. Shepard, in the "American Bank Note Co.," N. Y. City.

8. LARKIN G., Jr., son of Larkin G. (5), m., at Florence, Italy, Feb. 26, 1866. Marietta di Benvenuti, a Venetian by birth.

Though a native of Chesterfield, he is widely known as the "Vermont Sculptor," his father having removed from this town to Brattleboro' when the subject of this sketch was about four years old. As a boy he was modest, retiring, and bashful in the extreme. He early displayed, however, a taste for art, and frequently made drawings of natural and other objects, sometimes trying his hand at sculpture. A pig cut in marble attracted the attention of an artist who was stopping for a while at the "Water Cure" in Brattleboro'. In accordance with the advice of this gentleman, the young artist, who was now less than nineteen years of age, left the store of Messrs. Williston & Tyler, where he had been engaged as a clerk, and entered the studio of Henry Kirk Brown, of Brooklyn, N. Y., where he soon began to develop rapidly his genius for art. He remained with Mr. Brown about two years, and then returned to Brattleboro', where, soon after his arrival, he constructed of snow the statue that was destined to make him famous. One New Year's morning the "Recording Angel" stood revealed to the wondering gaze of the citizens of Brattleboro', not far from John Burnham's old foundery building, near the place where the two roads unite at North Main street. A prominent citizen of Brattleboro' has thus described the appearance of this statue and the surprise of those who first beheld it: "As morning dawned, there, at a fork of the two principal streets of the village, stood an image, bright in the rays of the morning sun, and brighter still with the magic light of genius. The mischievous boy stood appalled by the unwonted sight. It was surely no idle work for him to cast his snowballs at. A noted simpleton of the village, after looking at it for a moment, ran away from it in fear and alarm; and a man who rarely ever before made a bow, raised his hat in respect."

This exploit soon became noised abroad, and attracted the attention of Mr. Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, who afterwards became the youthful artist's patron, giving him a commission to cut the "Recording Angel" in marble. Soon after appeared the colossal statue "Vermont," for the dome of the State House at Montpelier. This was followed by the striking figure of "Ethan Allen," which adorns the portico of the same building. In 1862, he went to Florence, the "Home of Art," where he first executed several ideal busts and statuettes. His first work of importance there, was "The Returned Soldier," a group produced in 1866. His next works of any magnitude were, "Columbus's Last Appeal to Isabella," and "America," for the soldiers' monument at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

In 1868, he was again at home, and obtained the order for the Lincoln monument at Springfield, Ill., which was unveiled, in a partial state of completion, Oct. 15, 1874. The bronze statue of Mr. Lincoln, nearly twelve feet high, cast at the Ames foundry, at Chicopee, Mass., is a wonderful portrayal of all the salient points in the character of that remarkable man. "Venice, the Bride of the Sea," and "The Discovery of America," are other works of his creation. In 1874, he completed the statue of Ethan Allen for the State of Vermont, as one of her contributions to the National Statue Gallery at Washington. Not the least among his labors at this time, was the memorial monument of James Fisk, Jr., placed over his grave in the beautiful cemetery at Brattleboro'. He returned once more, that same year, to America, with his Italian wife, and remained till the autumn of 1878. He is now back in Florence once more, earnestly engaged in completing the two remaining groups for the Lincoln monument, another "Recording Angel," and in preparing his plans for the completion of the Washington monument, some of his suggestions for that work having already been adopted by Congress.

6. ELIAS, son of Levi (1), m., Nov. 4, 1825, Elvira, dau. of Daniel and Sarah (Wood) Harvey (5). He soon rem. to Keene, where he kept the old "Sun Tavern" a while. He afterwards rem. from that town to Lexington, Mass., where he kept a hotel



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many years. In 1846, he returned to Chfd. and purchased the old Mead homestead, on which he passed the most of his remaining years. He d. Aug. 16, 1871. He had no ch.

7. MARSHALL S., son of Levi (1), m., 1832, Frances L., dau. of Dr. Charles and Fanny (Hunt) Blake, of Northfield, Mass. He was educated at the Chesterfield Academy, and studied medicine with Dr. Philip Hall, of this town, and Drs. Twitchell and Adams, of Keene; received his degree at the Medical College in Hanover in 1825. In 1828, he settled in Northfield, where he has continued to reside, most of the time, in the practice of his profession.

Ch.: *Hope R.*, b. Sept. 19, 1835; m., Nov. 6, 1854, Larkin G., son of Levi Mead (2).—*Ellen H.*, b. Dec. 18, 1838; m., June 18, 1862, Wm. H. Sherwin, of Madison, Wis.—*Grace G.*, b. Oct. 18, 1842; m., June 8, 1864, Capt M. R. Lawrence, of Wis.; d. in Northfield, Sept. 18, 1873.

MERRICK.

1. CONSTANT MERRICK came from Hardwick, Mass., and settled in Chfd., about 1792, having, it is said, exchanged farms with Paul Eager. He lived where Chandler W. Cressey now res., near the Centre Village, and built the house which the latter now occupies. His wife was Sarah Hopkins, of Brewster, Me., d. in Chfd., Oct. 14, 1845, a. 88. He d. in Chfd., Apr. 18, 1844, a. 84.

Ch.: *Prince*, m. ———, in Bangor, N. Y., where he d.—*Barney*, m. Mary Smith, of St. Armands, P. Q., where he d.—*Polly*, unm; d. in Chfd.—*Nathan*, m., 1811, Silvey Daggett, of Wmd.; d. in Swanton, Vt.—*Sally*, b. Dec. 24, 1791; m. ——— Barnum, of Bangor, N. Y.—*Susanna*, b. Mar. 9, 1794; unm; d. in Chfd.—*Nathaniel*, b. Aug. 24, 1796; d. in infancy.—*Nathaniel* (2), b. Feb. 8, 1799.—*Levi*, b. Sept. 30, 1801; m. 1st, 1820, Cynthia, dau. of John Kneeland (q. v.), and who d. in Bangor, N. Y.; 2d, Silvey (Daggett) Merrick, wid. of his brother Nathan.

2. NATHANIEL, son of Constant (1), m., Feb. 3, 1829, Jane, dau. of Seth Tucker, of Winchendon, Mass., and who was b. July 27, 1802. He settled in Chfd., on the paternal farm, and lived

in the house built by his father during the first year of his (Nathaniel's) life. He d. Mar. 15, 1867, and was buried in Winchendon.

Ch.: *Eliza Jane* and *Julia Ann*, b. Nov. 26, 1830. *Eliza Jane* m., Sept. 17, 1862, *Henry W. Paine*, of East Randolph, Mass., and res. in Holbrook, Mass.; *Julia Ann*, m., Sept. 9, 1858, *Geo. O. Leonard*, of Saxton's River, Vt., and res. at Red Bluff, Cal.—*Elliott Tucker*, b. Jan. 6, 1833; m., Nov. 2, 1867, *Annie S. Hoyt*, of Hanover. He graduated at Dartmouth College in the class of '57, having pursued his preparatory studies at Saxton's River, Vt. He d. at St. Louis, Mo., July 25, 1876.—*Foshua Tucker*, b. June 18, 1847. Having fitted for college at the Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, he entered Dartmouth, and graduated in the class of '73. After graduating he engaged in teaching for about seven years. He res. at present in Holbrook, Mass.

MERRILL, OBADIAH, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Hannah ———. His name disappears before 1787. Three ch. were recorded: *Obadiah*, b. July 13, 1769; *Esther*, b. June 11, 1771; *Abel*, b. Feb. 24, 1774.

MERRILL, NEHEMIAH, in Chfd. 1770; UALLAINELL (?), in 1776; JOHN, in 1775, which year he was a soldier. All the names disappear before 1788.

METCALF, NATHAN, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Mary ———. His name is not found after 1791. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Levi*, b. Dec. 13, 1767; *Joseph*, b. Feb. 10, 1770.

METCALF, ASA, m. Mehetable ———, and had a son, *Nathaniel*, b. Sept. 5, 1779.

METCALF, JOSEPH, was a soldier in 1775 and '77; JOSEPH, Jr., (perhaps his son) in 1776. Neither name is found after 1791.

METCALF, THOMAS, 1777—between 1807 and '12, and was a soldier 1777; REUBEN, 1787—'89; JOHN, 1787; ROSWELL, 1807—'49, and was a soldier 1814; THOMAS (Jr. or Second), 1821—'49; GEORGE, 1821.

MORIARTY, EDWARD, b. in Ireland, m. Lucinda, dau. of Benjamin Streeter (2), and who d. in Wmd., June 30, 1877, a. 79 yrs. 11 mos. He settled in Chfd. about 1824, and resided here about 35 years, when he wandered away, and was never afterwards heard from.

Ch.: *William B.*, b. Sept. 26, 1827; d. Oct. 30, 1853, unm.—*Mary Ann*, b. Apr. 22, 1829; d. Feb. 8, 1847.—*Rhoda*, b. Apr. 27, 1831; m. Ashbel, son of Benj. Streeter (3).—*Francis*, b. Apr. 8, 1833; d. May 27, 1872, unm.—*Timothy*, b. Apr. 11, 1835; m., Oct., 1862, Emily, dau. of Nelson Wilber, of Wmd.; d. in Walpole, Apr. 16, 1867.—*James*, b. Apr. 6, 1837; m., Oct. 5, 1858, Lydia, dau. of Nathan Franklin, of Wmd., where he res.—*Catherine*, b. Sept. 10, 1839; m., Apr. 10, 1867, Jotham P. Bennett, of Wmd.—*Thomas K.*, b. Jan. 11, 1842; d. Jan. 20, 1860.

NASH.

1. ABRAHAM NASH, probably son of Abraham, who was the son of Benjamin and Ann (Smith) Nash, of Braintree, Mass., appears to have been b. in Taunton, Mass., about 1776, and to have settled in Chfd. about 1812. His wife was Betsey Smith, b. Sept. 15, 1781, and d. Mar. 19, 1868. He d. Feb. 3, 1848, a. 71.

Ch.: *Reuben* (2), b. Aug. 22, 1803.—*Ebenezer*, m. ———; d. in Lee, Mass.—*Lewis*, unm; d. in Chfd., Feb. 15, 1862, a. 52.—*Martin*, d. Sept. 1, 1813, a. nearly 3 years.—*Nancy*, m. Benj. Austin, of Swzy.; froze to death in Chfd., Jan. 24, 1856, a. 42.—*Melinda*, m. Alexander Howard, of Wincr.; d. in Swzy.—*Lydia*, unm.; d. in Chfd.—*George*, m., 1848, Mary F. P. Shattuck. Res. in Brat.

2. REUBEN, son of Abraham (1), m., 1825, Eliza W. Howard, of Wincr. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *William*, m. 1st, Emily Barber; 2d, Julia Smith.—*Sophia*, d. young.—*Elmira*, m. 1st, Stephen Franklin, of Wincr.; 2d, Mirach Burgess.—*Webster*, killed in battle during the civil war.—*Hannah*, b. July 13, 1834; m. Daniel E. Robbins (q. v.)—*Betsey*, d. unm.—*Eliza*, m. 1st, Leonard Davis, of Gilsum; 2d, John Nash.—*Lucina*, m. 1st, Mirach Burgess; 2d, ———.—*Henrietta*, m. Arthur Johnson.—*Reuben*, d. a. about 18.

NEWCOMB, JOHN, m. (probably) Betsey Davis. Three ch. were recorded: *Benjamin E.*, b. July 22, 1812; *Albert G.*, b. Dec. 29, 1815; *Elizabeth A.*, b. July 12, 1818.

NICHOLS, JOHN, perhaps son of John, m. 1st, Phebe Chamberlain, sister of the wife of Stephen Streeter (1), and who d. in 1805; 2d, Sally Edmunds. He settled on what was long known as the "Nichols farm." (See p. 180.) He d. in Chfd.

Ch.: *John*, d. young; *Lepha*; *Lucy*, d. about 1836. The two last were idiotic

NICHOLS, LEVI, brother of John Nichols, 1787—1805. He is said to have m. ——— Bingham.

NICHOLS, HEZEKIAH, 1787; SAMUEL, who rem. to Palatine, N. Y., about 1790; LYDIA, m., 1784, Benajah, son of Wm. Randall (1); MARY, m., 1788, Wm. Harris, of Brat.; POLLY, m., 1793, Silas Hubbard (q. v.)

NORCROSS.

1. SAMUEL NORCROSS m. Rachel Harvey, and settled in Marlboro', Vt., where he d. He is said to have had the following ch.: *Eber*, *Darius*, *Naham*, *Benaiah* (2), *Binea* (3), *Lucy*.
2. BENAIAH, son of Samuel (1), came to Chfd. about 1796. He m., 1799, Sally, dau. of Wm. Thomas (q. v.), and who d. in Wis., Oct., 1873, at the great age of 97 years. For about half a century he owned and managed the lower ferry, which was established by his father-in-law, Wm. Thomas. In 1850, he rem. to Bellows Falls, Vt., and thence to Fredonia, N. Y., where he d. Aug. 13, 1860.

Ch.: *Lucy*, b. Jan. 30, 1800; m., 1825, Wm. Q. Thompson (9); d. Sept. 21, 1829.—*Emma*, b. Feb. 8, 1801; d. Jan. 30, 1842, unm.—*Luthera*, b. June 22, 1803; d. Feb. 13, 1835, unm.—*Alanson* (4), b. Apr. 14, 1805.—*Alexander*, b. June 11, 1807; d. June 15, 1823.—*David Leavitt* (5), b. Feb. 25, 1810.—*Samuel F.*, b. Nov. 9, 1812; m. Maria Kerr, of Dum.; d. in Putney, Vt., Mar. 24, 1853.—*Calvin T.*, b. Aug. 29, 1815; m. 1st, Eleanor Mason, of Londonderry, Vt.; 2d, Betsey Ann Beadle. Res. in Elkhart, Ind.—*Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 27, 1818; d. Nov. 7, 1822.—*George S.*, b. Oct. 30, 1821; m. Adaline Florida. Res. in Wis.

4. ALANSON, son of Benaiah (2), m., Jan. 22, 1832, Lydia, dau. of Washington Farr (7). Shoemaker. Res. in Chfd.

Ch. : *Mary E.*, b. Aug. 10, 1833; m., Aug. 7, 1855, Loring, son of Loring Eaton (2).—*William L.*, b. July 19, 1837; res. in Boston.—*George A.*, b. Dec. 23, 1839; res. in Boston.

5. DAVID L., son of Benaiah (2), m., Sept. 15, 1839, Elizabeth, dau. of Nathan Randall (4). Res. in Keota, Keokuk Co., Ia.

Ch. : *Edward L.*, b. Feb. 16, 1842.—*Helena E.*, b. in Chfd., Apr. 10, 1845.—*Anette*, b. in Chfd., Dec. 24, 1846.

3. BINEA, son of Samuel (1), m., 1802, Clarissa, dau. of Wm. Thomas (q. v.), and who d. May 30, 1877, a. 95. Resided in Chfd. He d. in 1864.

Ch. : *Chauncy R.* (6).—*Mary*, m., 1836, Sumner, son of Wm. Black (2).—*Elizabeth C.*, m., 1833, Benj. B. Faulkner (2).—*Philip D.*—*Nelson B.*, m., 1847, Mary Ann Cutting; res. in Wincr.—*Eliza*.

6. CHAUNCY R., son of Binea (3), m., 1831, Jerusha Hutchins. He d. in Deerfield, (N. H.)

Ch. : *Clarissa*, b. and d. Dec., 1832.—*Susan F.*, b. Oct. 20, 1833.—*Luthera A.*, b. Nov. 15, 1835.—*Mary E.*, b. Apr. 28, 1838; d. July 12, 1846.—*Harvey N.*, b. Feb. 4, 1840; d. May 2, 1842.—*George G.*, b. Feb. 11, 1842.—*Lucy E.*, b. Feb. 7, 1844.—*Ama C.*, b. Mar. 31, 1846.—*Olen C.*, b. Sept. 12, 1848; d. the next month.—*Alfred H.*, b. Aug. 3, 1850; d. Aug. 18, 1854.—*Minerva M.*, b. Oct. 9, 1853; d. 1854.

- NOURSE, JOSEPH, 1791—1800. His wife was Hannah ———. Three ch. were recorded: *Elijah*, b. June 5, 1791; *Elisha*, b. Apr. 16, 1793; *Reuben*, b. Jan. 13, 1795.

- NURSE, CALVIN E., son of Benjamin, b. in Keene, Mar. 20, 1825; unm. Has resided a number of years in Chfd., having previously traveled extensively in the United States and Canada as an attaché of a circus company. Is a painter and paper-hanger.

- OAKMAN, JOSEPH, 1788—'97. His wife was Lucy ———. Five ch. were recorded: *Lucretia*, b. Sept. 19, 1787; *Lucy*, b. May 12, 1789; *Betsey*, b. Mar. 25, 1791; *Joseph B.*, b. Feb. 19, 1793; *Arch*, b. May 8, 1795.

- PAGE, DANIEL, was in Chfd. in 1785, as was also DANIEL, Jr., probably son of the former. Both names disappear before

1812. Daniel, Jr., appears to have m. Mary ———, and to have had the following ch.: *Sally*, b. June 29, 1784; *Polly*, b. Mar. 19, 1786, and m., 1804, Jonas B., son of Jonas Stearns (2); *Benjamin*, b. Mar. 13, 1788; *Lydia*, b. Aug. 23, 1790; *Edith*, b. Mar. 11, 1793.

PAGE, DAVID, and JOHN, a few years between 1803 and '12. David m., 1805, Abigail Davis.

PARKER, EZEKIEL, m. Dinah ———, and had a son, *Oliver*, b. Jan. 15, 17—.

PARKER, BENJAMIN, m. Lois ———, and had a son, *Benjamin*, b. Jan. 29, 1780.

PARKS, WILLIAM, was in Chfd. in 1791, but appears to have remained only a few years. His wife was Sally ———. Two ch. were recorded: *Luther*, b. Mar. 4, 1789; *Sally*, b. Apr. 30, 1791.

PARKS, FRANCIS, m., 1802, Sabra (Sabrina), dau. of Jonathan Farr (1), *Second*. He d. in Chfd., Dec. 8, 1812, in his 31st year.

PARSONS, BENJAMIN, m. Meriam ———, and had a dau., *Nabby*, b. Mar. 9, 1794.

PATTRIDGE.

1. ELI PATTRIDGE and his wife, ———, purchased in Chfd., Sept. 25, 1776, lot No. 11, in the 6th range, and 25 acres of lot No. 11, in the 7th range. In the deed they were said to be "of Mendon," Mass. About 1800, Eli rem. from Chfd. to the northern part of the State.

Ch.: (So far as known, but order uncertain) *Eli* (2).—*Joseph* (3), b. 1753.—*Amos*, rem. (probably) to Keene, N. Y. Soldier in 1777.—*Mary*, b. about 1762; m., 1780, Nathaniel Walton (2); d. July 11, 1796.—*Rachel*, b. 1766 or '67; m., 1786, Rufus Harvey (2); d. Jan. 11, 1840.—*Charles*, m., 1800, Miriam Cunningham; rem. from the town.—*Nathaniel*, m. ——— Goodall; rem. to Lynn.—*Abel*, drowned in the Conn., at Bellows Falls.—*Adam* (or *Adams*.)

2. ELI, son of Eli (1), m. Persis ———. He d. in Chfd., Nov. 3, 1792. His widow m., 1797, Joseph Wheelock.

Ch.: *Elkanah*, b. Sept. 4, 1780.—*Ira*, b. Mar. 22, 1783; d. 1785.—*Ira*, b. July 19, 1785.—*Azubah*, b. Aug. 15, 1787.—*Carolina*, b. Oct. 21, 1789.

3. JOSEPH, son of Eli (1), m. Sarah Warren, of Mendon, Mass., who d. in 1849, a. 89. He purchased in Chfd., Mar. 16, 1781, lot No. 16, in the 3d range. At that time he was living in Milford, Mass., but probably came to Chfd. soon after. Selectman 1801—'03, '16, '17. He d. in 1817, a. 64.

Ch.: *Caroline*, b. May 30, 1779; d. Sept. 15, 1787.—*Prusia*, b. Mar. 18, 1781; m. Alexander Albee. Rem. to Littleton.—*John W.*, b. Dec. 16, 1782; m., 1807, Polly Lincoln, of Wmd. Rem. to Peacham, Vt.—*Mehetable*, b. Dec. 20, 1784; m., 1810, Calvin Gilson (2); d. 1857.—*Joseph* (4), b. Jan. 28, 1787.—*Limon*, b. July 21, 1789; m. Theodosia Wood, of Wmd. Rem. to Peacham.—*Winslow*, b. July 1, 1791; m. Lavernia Wood (sister of his brother Limon's wife). Settled finally in Watertown, N. Y.—*Sally*, b. May 4, 1793; d. July 12, 1798.—*Abel*, b. May 17, 1795; m. Sylvia ———. Rem. to Highgate, Vt.—*Ora*, b. June 4, 1798; m. Betsey, dau. of Levi Ware, of Wmd. Rem. to Covington, N. Y.—*Samuel J.* (5), b. Nov. 22, 1800.

4. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (3), m., 1811, Catherine, dau. of Capt. Simon Willard (q. v.), and who d. in Osceola, Stark Co., Ill., Feb. 3, 1865. He resided a number of years in Peacham, Vt., and then rem. to Osceola, where he d. Sept. 29, 1873.

Ch.: (The first b. in Chfd., the rest in Peacham) *Olon B.*, b. Nov. 17, 1811; m., 1836, Lafrinda, dau. of Elijah Walton (3). Mechanic in Chfd. Has no ch.—*Albert G.*, b. June 17, 1814; m. Alma Brown, of Peacham, where he res.—*Caroline C.*, b. Dec. 14, 1815; m. David Currier, a native of Peacham. Res. in Osceola.—*Harriet B.*, b. May 1, 1821; m. Mark Blanchard, of Peacham. Res. in Creston, Iowa.—*Lloyd W.*, b. Feb. 22, 1824; m. Jane McCole, of Peacham. Res. in Neponset, Ill.—*Jane S.*, b. Oct. 12, 1826; m. Elisha Hutchins, of Wincr.; d. Aug. 10, 1876.

5. SAMUEL J., son of Joseph (3), m., Oct. 25, 1827, Lucretia, dau. of Ziba Albee (2). Res. in Chfd. on the paternal farm. Representative 1846, '52; selectman '68.

Ch.: *Sarah W.*, b. Jan. 10, 1831; m., Feb. 11, 1851, Wm. R. Bullock, of Wincr.—*Ellen M.*, b. and d. May, 1834.—*Winslow A.*, b. Oct. 25, 1838; m., Nov. 16, 1869, Georgina Jane, dau. of Henry Woodfield, of Grass Valley, Cal. Res. at present in Chfd. Has 4 ch.: Hattie L., b. in Cal., Jan. 1, 1871; Evelina M., b. in Cal., Dec. 15, 1872; Fred W., b. in Chfd., Jan. 6, 1875; Ida L., b. in Chfd., July 9, 1878.

PEACOCK.

1. Adjutant JOHN PEACOCK purchased in Chfd., Nov. 2, 1770, lot No. 11, in the 14th range. His wife was Esther, dau. of Dea. John Lessley. She d. June 17 1787, a. 81. He d. Sept. 17, 1791, in his 87th year. He had a son *Samuel* (2), and probably another, *John*, who was a soldier in 1776. [Eunice Peacock, who m., 1777, Artemas Witt (1), and Rebecca Peacock, who m., 1775, Jonathan Davis (2), were probably the daughters of John, Sen.]
2. SAMUEL, son of John (1), was in Chfd. in 1770, which year (Aug. 15) he purchased lot No. 10, in the 14th range, on which, as was stated in the deed, John Vicory had built a "camp." July 15, 1772, he deeded one-half of this lot, together with a house and barn, to his father John. Samuel's farm evidently consisted, in part, of land now included in the farm owned and occupied by John L. Streeter. Soldier 1777. He probably rem. from the town, as his name and that of his son Samuel both disappear at the same time (in 1804.) His wife was Anna ———. Four ch. were recorded: *Anna N.*, b. May 16, 1776.—*Lucy*, b. Nov. 10, 1777.—*Samuel*, b. Mar. 6, 1779.—*Sarah*, b. Jan. 13, 1781; m. (perhaps), 1806, Cyrus Johnson.

PENNIMAN, DAVID, 1788—1803.

PETTEE, STAFFORD H., from Hins., m., Feb. 21, 1827, Louis, dau. of John Darling (1), and settled in Chfd. He d. Dec. 3, 1855, a. 58. His wife d. Apr. 19, 1866.

Ch.: *Carrie E.*, b. Nov. 15, 1830; m. 1st, June 1, 1848, Henry S., son of Africa Hildreth (8); 2d, in Worcester, Mass., Jan. 6, 1855, Joseph Stockwell, a native of Athol, Mass., now of Chfd. For a number of years she has contributed to various papers—among them the New Hampshire Sentinel, Claremont Eagle, and Gospel Banner—notes on fashion, and articles

relating to political and other topics. For about eight years she has been the regular local correspondent of the Sentinel, writing over the *nom de plume* of "Q."

PHILLIPS, ANDREW, b. Jan. 6, 1750, son of Samuel Phillips, came from Marlboro' and settled in Chfd. apparently in 1793 or '94. He m. 1st, Sarah Fairbanks; 2d, 1798, Mary Smith. d. Aug. 21, 1820, a. 70. He d. Nov. 26, 1822.

Ch.: *Martha*, b. Aug. 28, 1778; m., 1799, Enoch Jackson (3); d. Dec. 24, 1858.—*Experience*, d. 1802, a. nearly 14.

PHILLIPS, JOHN, b. May 3, 1757, brother of Andrew Phillips, m. 1st, Huldah ———, d. in Chfd., Nov. 5, 1785; 2d, 1786, Mary Henry, wid. of William Henry (1). He settled in Chfd. in or before 1785, and resided here till he died, Sept. 7 (or 8), 1842.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *Betsey*, m. Joshua Stratton, of Athol, Mass.—*Clarissa*, b. Nov. 3, 1783; m., Jan. 18, 1807, Wm. Newhall, of Phillipston, Mass., afterwards of Chfd.; d. Mar. 13, 1867.—*Huldah*, b. Oct. 29, 1785; m., 1803, William, son of William Hildreth (4).—(By 2d marriage) *Sally*, b. Jan. 14, 1787; m., 1807, Abel, son of Aaron Fisk (1).—*Edee*, b. Dec. 31, 1789.—*Martha*, m., 1811, Jason Davis (q. v.) [A son, by 1st marriage, is said to have d. a. about 11 years.]

PIERCE.

Sergeant Thomas Pierce was born in England in 1596, and emigrated to Charlestown, Mass., in 1635. From him was descended, in the sixth generation, John Pierce (1), who settled in Chesterfield. (Thomas¹, Thomas², Stephen³, Stephen⁴, William⁵, John⁶.)

1. JOHN PIERCE, the descendant of Sergt. Thomas Pierce, came to Chfd. from Groton, Mass., between 1770 and '76. His wife was Tabitha Porter, d. in Chfd., Apr. 23, 1831, a. 74. According to tradition he served in the last French and Indian war. On coming to Chfd., he appears to have located at what is now the Centre Village, where he may have kept a small store. At the same time he owned a large quantity of land in the town, much of which he is said to have sacrificed to the cause of liberty during the War of the Revolution. Together with others from Chfd., he also took part in the battle of Bennington, probably as an independent volunteer. April 19, 1782,

he purchased of Samuel Davis Converse, then of Dum., the western half (the other half lying in Spafford's Lake) of lot No. 12, in the 10th range, on which he built a house. Here he passed the remaining years of his life, erecting, after a while, a larger and more commodious house near the highway that formerly led from the Centre Village to Wmd. He d. July 7, 1812, a. 69.

Ch.: *William* (2), b. Oct. 8, 1776.—*John* (3), b. June 1, 1780.—*Silas*, b. Sept. 25, 1781; d. Mar. 25, 1783.—*Ezekiel Porter* (4), b. Apr. 20, 1785.—*Ebenezer* (5), b. June 22, 1788.—*Esther*, b. Sept. 29, 1791; m. Samuel Thompson (6); d. Mar. 13, 1873.—*Lucy*, b. Feb. 27, 1799; m., 1818, Hubbard Wheeler (4); d. Feb. 2, 1854.

2. WILLIAM, son of John (1), m., 1809, Ruth, dau. of Ephraim Hubbard (2), and who d. June 23, 1832. Soon after his marriage he rem. to Lyndon, Vt., where he d. June 14, 1854.

Ch.: *Emily*, b. Feb. 18, 1812; unm.; d. Aug. 10, 1862.—*Sir Wm. Earl*, b. June 12, 1813; m., Oct. 10, 1865, Helen A. Houghton. Has 2 ch.: *Emily A.*, b. Mar. 14, 1869; *Geo. W.*, b. Jan. 8, 1875.—*George W.*, b. Feb. 5, 1815; m., July 26, 1840, Ruth Bly, of Charleston, Vt., where he res. Has 2 ch.: *Alfred I.*, b. Aug. 18, 1841; *Ruth E.*, b. Apr. 23, 1848.

3. JOHN, son of John (1), m., 1800, Judith, dau. of Silas Thompson (2), and who d. Nov. 14, 1860. Resided in Chfd., living from 1818 till the time of his death on the farm afterwards owned and occupied by the late Chas. N. Clark, it being the same on which Peter Stone, Sen., settled when he came to Chfd. Representative 1845. He d. Apr. 27, 1857.

Ch.: *Abigail*, b. Dec. 12, 1800; m., July 7, 1844, Alanson Chamberlain (6); d. Apr. 29, 1858.—*Alfred* (6), b. Dec. 22, 1802.—*Irene*, b. Jan. 15, 1805; d. Sept., 1806.—*Laura*, b. Sept. 19, 1807; m., 1830, Samuel H., son of Aija Walker (2); d. Jan. 28, 1861.—*Amanda*, b. Mar. 14, 1809; m., Apr., 1835, Lyman Britton (q. v.); d. Dec. 21, 1836.—*Lucinda*, b. Oct. 12, 1811; d. Mar. 2, 1814.—*Mary*, b. Oct. 27, 1813; d. Aug. 20, 1839.—*Lucy*, b. Feb. 17, 1816; m., Dec., 1847, Chas. N. Clark (3).—*John Langdon* (7), b. Nov. 16, 1819.—*Elizabeth F.*, b. July 27, 1822; m., 1849, Marshall H., son of Asa Day (5); d. Oct. 4, 1865.



Ezekiel P. Rice

6. ALFRED, son of John (3), m., 1830, Abigail, dau. of Martin Rockwood, of Swzy., and who was b. 1812. He settled in Hartland, Vt., where he d. Apr., 1880.

Ch.: *Mary H.*, b. June 30, 1831; d. Feb. 24, 1833.—*Francis M.*, b. Jan. 7, 1834; m., Feb. 7, 1860, Helen M. Bishop. Res. in Hartland.—*Mary H.*, b. Oct. 24, 1836; m., Oct., 1864, Gen. Lewis A. Grant, now of Des Moines, Ia.—*Abbie S.*, b. Feb. 17, 1842; m., Feb. 26, 1873, C. H. Smith.

7. JOHN L., son of John (3), m. Ellen E., dau. of Asa Marsh (3). For a number of years he engaged in trade at South Londonderry, Vt., and afterwards resided for a while at Chester, Vt. At present he resides in Fitchburg, Mass.

Ch.: *Frederick Webster*, b. Oct. 18, 1850.—*Cora Eliza*, b. Apr. 16, 1862.

4. EZEKIEL P., son of John (1), m., Mar. 1, 1808, Susanna Porter, b. in Groton, Mass., May 4, 1785, and d. in Chfd., Jan. 11, 1866. For a few years after his marriage he resided in Maine, but returned, in 1814, to Chfd., and engaged in farming, trade, and manufacturing. About 1821, he opened a store at the Centre Village, first in the house in which Alanson Norcross now lives, and afterwards at the "Cook stand," so called. (See pp. 164, 165.) Here he kept a store and tavern for about 7 years, afterwards engaging in trade for a while at Factory Village, and also in Londonderry, Vt. The first "patent accelerating wheel-heads," for spinning wool, made in Chfd., were manufactured by him at Factory Village, probably about 1820. He also engaged to some extent in the manufacture of bits and augers. In 1831, Mr. Pierce built, on the paternal homestead, near the lake, the large stone house in which he lived during the remaining years of his life, and which he kept for some time as a tavern. In 1827, he was a member of the N. H. House of Representatives, and one of the selectmen of the town, in the affairs of which he was always much interested. As a man of business he was active and enterprising, and ever ready to engage in some new undertaking. He d. May 23, 1865.

Ch.: *Susanna P.*, b. Dec. 2, 1809; m. Bethuel Farley, of Marlow; d. July 9, 1881.—*Theresa Jane*, b. Feb. 23, 1812;

unm. Res. in Chfd. In her earlier years she engaged to a considerable extent in school-teaching.—*Ezekiel P.* (8), b. Aug. 18, 1813.—*Julia A.*, b. Oct. 28, 1817; unm. Res. in Chfd.—*Lucius D.*, b. Aug. 9, 1820; m. Lucy C., dau. of Adj. John H. Fuller, of Keene. Graduated at Norwich (Vt.) University in 1846, and then studied law with Hon. Wm. P. Wheeler, of Keene; practised first in Marlow, and afterwards in Winchendon Mass. He d. May 8, 1858.—*Horace T. H.*, b. Feb. 22, 1822; m., June 12, 1850, Sophia Dickinson. Brick-mason. He d. in Keene, Jan. 7, 1877.—*Lafayette Washington* (9), b. May 20, 1825.—*Andrew J.*, b. May 9, 1829; d. Nov. 20, the same year.—*Augusta E.*, b. Jan. 29, 1830; unm. Res. in Chfd. She is a teacher of long experience, having taught schools in many different towns in this State, Vt. and Mass.—*Benjamin F.*, b. Aug. 1, 1833. Farmer in Chfd.

8. *EZEKIEL P.*, son of *Ezekiel P.* (4), m., May 1, 1844, Sarah E. Webster, of Salem, Mass. Res. in Cambridge, Mass. Having acquired a practical knowledge of business by assisting his father in the management of his stores and tavern, he began, in 1836, the manufacture of patent spinning-wheel heads at Factory Village (see p. 161), engaging at the same time in the manufacture of bits, augers, &c., in the western part of the town. (See p. 160.) In 1851, he rem. to Boston, where, for the next 25 years, he engaged in the wholesale fruit business. In 1879, he invented and patented "awning-blind hinges and fixtures," which are being extensively used. When he resided in Chfd., he held commissions in the militia for a period of 14 years, and was promoted six times, attaining the rank of major-general.

Ch.: *Georgie C.*, b. Mar. 21, 1847.—*Edward E.*, b. Mar. 21, 1848; m., June 16, 1875, Fannie S. Chandler, of Cambridge, Mass.

9. *LAFAYETTE W.*, son of *Ezekiel P.* (4), m. 1st, Sept. 15, 1859, Cleopatra S., dau. of Kendall P. Barry, of Saxton's River, Vt., and who d. Nov. 12, 1864; 2d, Oct. 5, 1865, Mrs. Lydia M. Brooks, dau. of A. B. Piper, of Templeton, Mass., and who d. May 15, 1872; 3d, Mar. 29, 1875, Harriet E., dau. of Josiah Derby, of Ashburnham, Mass.



Gasparette M. Pierce.

In 1850, he graduated at Norwich University, in the full collegiate course, and for several years engaged in teaching. He next studied law in the office of Hon. F. F. Lane, of Keene, and that of Tyler and Pierce, of Winchendon, Mass.; was admitted to the practice of law in all the courts of Mass., at the Worcester county bar, at the April term of the supreme judicial court, at Worcester, Apr. 28, 1854, and has ever since practised his profession in that county and, to some extent, in New Hampshire. For the past 22 years he has resided in Winchendon. Since 1854 he has been a justice of the peace, and most of the time since 1858 he has held the office of commissioner of N. H. for Mass., having been first appointed to the same by Gov. Wm. Haile.

Ch.: *Chas. Lucius*, b. Mar. 6, 1864.—*John A.*, b. July 23, 1866.—*Ezekiel P.*, b. Apr. 28, 1868; d. Sept. 3, 1868.—*Mabel M.*, b. Apr. 28, 1868; d. Sept. 8, 1868.—*Thursa B.*, b. July 11, 1876.

5. EBENEZER, son of John (1), m., 1808, Alpha, dau. of Anthony Randall (3), and who d. in Wmd., July 6, 1869. He was a farmer in Chfd. many years, afterwards removing to Wmd. He d., however, in Chfd., Mar. 10, 1875.

Ch.: *Britton*, b. Nov. 23, 1812; disappeared when a young man.—*Charles*, b. Mar. 8, 1813; is supposed to have started for Cal. many years ago, and has not been heard from since.—*Lloyd*, b. Dec. 20, 1815; unm. Farmer in Chfd. and Wmd. He d. in the latter town, Mar. 26, 1882.—*Alson* (10), b. June 8, 1817.—*Dexter*, b. Oct. 11, 1819; m., July 14, 1846. Rachel C. Wing. Res. in Wmd. Has no ch., except by adoption.—*Ebenezer*, b. Nov. 23, 1826; unm; d. in Wmd., Apr. 20, 1863.

10. ALSON, son of Ebenezer (5), m. Lurana P., dau. of Ephm. and Lurana (Daggett) Wheeler, of Wmd., and who was b. July 11, 1829, and d. Dec. 25, 1872. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Frank A.*, b. Apr. 20, 1854; m., Oct. 25, 1870, Persis M., dau. of Snow Prentice (4). Has had 4 ch. born in Chfd.: *F. Earl*, b. Jan. 8, 1872; *Annie L.*, b. Oct. 26, 1874; *Guy L.*, b. June 14, 1878; *Ida M.*, b. Jan. 11, 1880, and d. Mar. 6, 1881.—*Lurana E.*, b. Oct. 27, 1856; d. a. 2 days.—*Willis B.*, b. Aug. 11, 1858; d. a. 17 days.—*Ella E.*, b. Mar.

22, 1860; m., Sept. 24, 1874, Christian Frederick Ferdinand Springer, a native of Germany, but now of Chfd.—*Fred M.*, b. Feb. 12, 1864; d. Aug. 24, the same year.

PIERCE.

Benjamin Pierce, a Quaker, lived and died in Smithfield, R. I. His wife was Abigail Buffum, sister of Joseph Buffum, of Wmd. He had five children that lived to adult age, one of whom, George (1), settled in Chfd.

1. GEORGE PIERCE, son of Benjamin, m., July 4, 1810, Sophronia Mann, b. June 14, 1785, and who is still living in Chfd. About 1816, he rem. from Smithfield to this town, and settled in the eastern part of it. He remained, however, but a few years, returning to Smithfield. About 1825, he came back to Chfd., where he passed the rest of his life. He d. Aug. 14, 1876, a. about 83.

Ch.: *Adaline*, b. Nov. 17, 1810; m., June 6, 1833, Freeman Chase, of Athol, Mass.—*Gilbert*, b. Aug. 11, 1812; m., Apr. 1, 1839, Mary Ann Stimpson, of Athol.—*Benjamin* (2), b. Feb. 26, 1815.—*George*, b. May 30, 1816; m. Betsey Sherman. Res. in Keene.—*Diana*, b. Jan. 3, 1818; m. 1st, — Scott; 2d, May 4, 1871, Ora Blodgett (4).—*Marshall M.*, b. Dec. 4, 1819; d. May 6, 1847.—*Mary T.*, b. Mar. 4, 1822; m. 1st, Oct. 8, 1846, Daniel Moore, of Athol; 2d, Asnah Alger, of Winchendon, Mass.—*John H.*, b. Jan. 13, 1824; m. Elizabeth Ann Chandler, of Leominster, Mass. Merchant. He d. at Hackensack, N. J., Dec. 28, 1867.—*Joseph W.* (3), b. Sept. 18, 1825.—*Louisa B.*, b. Dec. 31, 1827; m. Estey Farr, of Wmd.—*Hannah Maria*, b. Oct. 10, 1829; m., Mar. 10, 1852, Wm. Atherton (9).

2. BENJAMIN, son of George (1), m., Nov. 15, 1842, Caroline A., dau. of Jesse Gale, of Petersham, Mass. Having been a few years in the employ of Richardson & Huggins, manufacturers of bits and augers, he commenced, about 1853, to manufacture the same articles on his own account, at Factory Village; in which business he has ever since been constantly and successfully engaged. In 1852, he became interested in the manufacture of chisels, in Hins., selling the stock on commission and having a general superintendence of the business, in which he

continued about 13 years. He has also been pretty extensively engaged in the manufacture of "wheel-heads." (See pp. 161. 162.) Selectman 1850.

Ch.: *Frederick B.*, b. Apr. 20, 1845; m., Dec. 16, 1868, Emma F., dau. of Josiah W. Cook, of Alstead, now of Chfd. Manufacturer of wheel-heads, bits, augers, &c., at Factory Village. Has had 2 ch.: Maude E., b. May 23, 1871; Frank M., b. May 17, 1875, and d. Sept. 18, the same year.—*Carrie M.*, b. Oct. 18, 1850; m., Dec. 12, 1872, J. Lyman Bliss. Res. at Atchison, Kan.—*Nellie K.*, b. Jan. 25, 1853.—*Grace M.*, b. Dec. 30, 1854; d. Oct. 3, 1873.

3. JOSEPH W., son of George (1), m., Aug. 17, 1862, Sarah Jane, dau. of David Arnold (q. v.) Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Ansel F.*, b. June 2, 1866.—*Harry A.*, b. Oct. 21, 1867.—*John M.*, b. June 30, 1869.—*David W.*, b. Sept. 6, 1871.—*Sarah F.*, b. Apr. 11, 1876.—*Mary F.*, b. Feb. 28, 1879.

PIERCE, DANIEL, son of Jacob Pierce, b. in Alstead, Aug. 24, 1808, m., Oct. 18, 1836, Almira, dau. of Wm. Black (2), and settled in Chfd. in 1839 or '40. Farmer.

Ch.: *Henry D.*, b. in Keene, Apr. 8, 1839; m., Feb. 24, 1863, Mary A. Starkey, of Wmd.—*David H.*, b. in Chfd., May 26, 1841; m., Jan. 19, 1871, Angeline M., dau. of Wm. Bennett (q. v.)—*William H.*, b. in Chfd., Dec. 9, 1842; m., Jan. 30, 1878, Ella L., dau. of Wm. Hunt, of Wincr.

PLATTS, WARHAM R., son of Capt. Joseph Platts, was b. in Rindge, July 18, 1792. In 1821, he m. Sarah, dau. of Rufus Harvey (2), and settled in Chfd. He resided at the Centre Village, where he was postmaster about 21 years. (See p. 168.) For many years he was deputy-sheriff, and for a while sheriff of the county. He was always deeply interested in the affairs of the town, as well as in national politics, and to the close of his life was a "staunch pillar of the democracy." Selectman 1848, '51; town-clerk '43, '44. He d. Feb. 21, 1872. Had no ch.

POMEROY, ELEAZER, b. 1734, was in Northfield, Mass., from 1762 to '73. Dec. 10, 1773, he purchased in Chfd. house-lot

No. 7, in the 8th range. In June, 1777, he was summoned before the "court of inquiry," at Keene, for alleged hostility to the American cause; was tried, and sentenced to be confined to the limits of his farm. He appears, also, to have taken an active part in the controversy about the "Grants." (See Chap. III.) His name disappears about 1792. His wife was Lydia ———, and he had a dau., *Lydia*, d. 1776, in her 11th year, and another, *Catherine*, d. the same year, in her 9th year.

POMEROY, MARTIN, perhaps son of Eleazer, m. Dorcas Chamberlain. Selectman 1802. He d. in Chfd., Jan. 2, 1831, a. 68. Had a son, *Martin*, d. 1802, young.

POMEROY, SOLOMON, perhaps son of Eleazer, m. Polly ———. His name is not found after 1793. His ch., so far as known, were: *Patty*, b. June 7, 1778; *Phene*, b. Apr. 4, 17—; *Polly*, b. June 28, 1786; *Mehitable*, b. Sept. 8, 1791; *Almira*, m. Ora Blodgett (4).

PORTER, REUBEN, from Swzy. (?), settled in Chfd. in 1835 or '36. Merchant at the Centre Village '36—'39; selectman '54. Rem. from the town in '55 or '56. His wife was Prudence ———, and a dau., *Mary B.*, d. in Chfd. Aug. 28, 1853, a. 19; a son, *Sumner W.*, d. in 1838, young.

POWERS.

1. EZEKIEL POWERS, from Plympton, Mass., purchased in Chfd., Oct. 7, 1772, lot No. 9, in the 14th range, on which, according to the deed, were a house and "potash" [potashery]. His wife was Abigail Bonny. Soldier 1776. He d. about 1815.

Ch.: *Josiah*, b. Oct. 4, 1770; m. Susan Parks; d. in Marlboro', Vt., where he resided many years.—*Isaac*, b. July 30, 1773; m. Phila, dau. of Jonathan Farr (3). Rem. to Waterford, Vt. The following ch. were b. in Chfd.: *Lancey*, *Alexander*, *Polly*, *Prescott*, *Blake*, *Noyes*, *Phila*—*Lydia*, b. May 15, 1776; m. Asa, son of Arthur Latham (q. v.)—*Ezekiel*, b. Jan. 11, 1779; m., 1804, Olive, dau. of John Day (2). Rem. to Northern Vt.—*Benjamin*, b. Nov. 26, 1781; m. Theda, dau. of John Harris (2). Rem. to Sutton, Vt.—*Lyman*, b. Oct. 14, 1784; m. 1st, 1804, Soffe Farr; 2d, 1824, Hannah Cobleigh, wid. of Erastus Cobleigh, and dau. of John Day (2).

Settled in Sutton, Vt.—*Abigail*, b. Feb. 2, 1787; m., 1806. Amos Farr (8); d. Sept. 17, 1870.—*Samuel*, b. May 18, 1790; m. ———. Settled at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. School-teacher.—*Roswell* (2).

2. ROSWELL, son of Ezekiel (1), m. 1st, 1815, Sally, dau. of Moses Farr (4), and who d. May 13, 1828; 2d, 1829, Polly, sister of the first wife, and who d. May 8, 1840. Resided in Chfd. He d. June 4, 1845, a. 52.

Ch.: *Laura*, b. Apr. 15, 1816.—*Miranda*, b. July 17, 1818; m. Oliver Hastings (10); d. May 6, 1860.—*George R.*, b. Sept. 27, 1820; d. Mar. 3, 1842.—*Eliza*, b. Aug. 26, 1822; m. Parker Hubbard (8).—*Rolston*, b. July 10, 1825.—*Maria*, b. Nov. 11, 1830.—*Foster*.

PRATT, JOHN, was in Chfd. in 1776. His wife was Betty ———. Soldier '76 and '80. He may have d. or rem. from the town in 1793 or '94. The following ch. were recorded: *Polly*, b. June 25, 1775; *Susy*, b. Jan. 30, 1778; *Sintha*, b. Apr. 12, 1780; *Betsey*, b. Sept. 25, 1782; *John*, b. Apr. 8, 1785; *Ezekiel*, b. May 27, 1787; *Serene*, b. June 4, 1790; *Ira A.*, b. Oct. 9, 1793.

PRATT, ABIEL, may have come to Chfd. before 1781. His wife was Grace ———. Had, at least, 4 ch.: *Nancy*, b. June 16, 1781; unm.; d. in Chfd. 1848.—*John*, b. Jan. 18, 1783.—*Abiel*, b. 1785; d. 1788.—*Abiel*, accidentally killed, while felling trees, about 1822.

PRATT, BARNA, b. Apr. 19, 1776, came from Marlboro', Vt., to Chfd. about 1819. His wife was Lucy, dau. of Josiah Hastings (3), and who d. Sept. 1, 1863. He d. Sept. 21, 1825.

Ch.: *Roxana*, b. Feb. 10, 1799; m. Geo. Sargeant, of Brat.—*Henry*, b. Aug. 9, 1800; m. 1st, 1825, *Laura*, dau. of John Snow (5), and who d. Sept. 17, the same year; 2d, *Dolly*, sister of the first wife, and who d. June 4, 1829; 3d, *Abbie Brackett*, of Brat., where he d. May 24, 1874.—*Charlotte*, b. July 18, 1802; m., 1825, *Broughton Davis* (12); d. Dec. 27, 1880.—*Levi*, b. June 17, 1804; m. *Sarah Knight*, of Brat.; d. May 17, 1832.—*Barna*, b. June 9, 1806; d. Mar. 21, 1829, unm.—*Fona. H.*, b. June 11, 1808; d. Feb. 17, 1831, unm.—*Mary*, b. Mar. 28, 1811; m., 1831, *Parker D. Cressey* (7).—*Lucina*, b. Feb. 4, 1813; d. Apr. 14, 1816.

PRENTICE.

1. JOSEPH PRENTICE was probably of Hins. in 1764, but settled in Chfd. (in the "New Boston" district) in or before 1770. His wife's name has not been ascertained. About 1798, he rem. to Townshend, Vt., or vicinity. His ch., so far as known, were: *Joseph* (2), b. Sept. 20, 1774; *Elijah*, and probably *Fohn* (older than Joseph); *Susy*, *Sophia*, *Savona*, *Lodema*, and perhaps *Sally*, m., 1790, Daniel, son of Daniel Farr (2), and d. 1792, a. nearly 26.
2. JOSEPH, son of Joseph (1), m. Persis, dau. of Ezra Davis (3), and who d. Aug. 23, 1863. In 1812, he returned to Chfd. from Vt. (where he went with his father), and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Ezra H. Davis. He d. June 24, 1858.
Ch.: *Russell D.*, b. Dec. 25, 1806; d. Mar. 4, 1832, unm.—*Savona*, b. Jan. 2, 1810; m., 1829, Ira Dunham (4).—*Bradley* (3), b. June 6, 1811.—*Alzina*, b. Apr. 28, 1813; m., 1839, Josiah Dunham (6).—*Mary Ann*, b. May 24, 1814; m. John Baker, of Goshen. Res. at Saxton's River, Vt.—*Snow* (4), b. Oct. 27, 1825.
3. BRADLEY, son of Joseph (2), m., June 6, 1832, Sally, dau. of Elijah Barrows, of Wmd., and who was b. Mar., 1809. He was a farmer in Chfd. till 1862, when he rem. to Brat., where he now res.
Ch.: *Mary Ann*, b. Dec. 11, 1832; m., Jan. 6, 1858, Dr. Wm. R., son of Ira Dunham (4); d. in Wmd., Sept. 6, 1871.—*George W.*, b. May 11, 1834; unm.; d. in Brat., Mar. 18, 1882.—*Phila M.*, b. Mar. 14, 1838; m., Oct., 1859, Frank H., son of Worcester Farr (11); d. in Brat., Mar. 27, 1864.—*Fane P.*, b. June 5, 1845; m., 1867, Edward Hill; d. Dec. 30, 1868.—*Martha C.*, b. May 26, 1849; m. 1st, Edward Tyler; 2d, Benj. Richards.
4. SNOW, son of Joseph (2), m., Feb. 15, 1849, Laura, dau. of Ephm. Amidon (3). Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Jan. 16, 1869.
Ch.: *Persis Martha*, b. Nov. 19, 1849; m., Oct. 25, 1870, Frank A., son of Alson Pierce (10).—*Ida Maria*, b. Oct. 12, 1851; d. June 16, 1870.—*Fannie May*, b. May 12, 1855.

PRESHO.

1. ZADOCK PRESHO came from Raynham, Mass., and settled in Chfd., in 1810. His wife was Orpha Alden, d. Apr. 17, 1856, a. 90. He d. Feb. 16, 1843, a. 75.

Ch.: (All b. in Raynham; order somewhat uncertain) *Asa*.—*James*.—*Zadock*, d. in Raynham.—*Laura*.—*Sullivan*, m. Mary, dau. of Solomon Willard (4); d. in Billerica, Mass.—*Ezra*, d. young.—*Ebenezer*, b. 1798; unm.; d. in Chfd., Dec. 30, 1868.—*Daniel* (2), b. June 30, 1800.—*Ruth*.—*Elmira*.—*Isaac*.—*Wm. Henry*, b. Apr. 20, 1809; unm. Farmer in Chfd.

2. DANIEL, son of Zadock (1), m., 1828, Myra, dau. of Thomas Sanderson (3), and who d. June 15, 1879. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Melissa C.*, b. Apr. 29, 1829; unm.—*Thomas D.*, b. May 26 1831; d. Jan. 24, 1833.—*Cordana W.*, b. Apr. 23, 1833; unm.

PRESTON, ABIAL, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Miletiah ———. Had a son, *William S.*, b. Nov. 3, 1770. His name disappears before 1787.

PRIME.

1. OLIVER PRIME first settled in Winchester, but rem. to Chfd. about 1800. His wife was Rachel Franklin. He d. June 8, 1836, a. 71. His son, *Nathaniel* (2), b. 1791, also settled in Chfd.

2. NATHANIEL, son of Oliver (1), m. Lydia Baughn, of New Salem, Mass. He d. Oct. 16, 1865, a. 74.

Ch.: *Nathaniel W.*, b. Oct. 30, 1818; m., June 6, 1839, Luna, dau. of Joel Fletcher, of Chfd. He d. Apr. 30, 1856. His wife and 2 ch. are also dead.—*Hubbard V.* (3), b. Apr. 13, 1821.

3. HUBBARD V., son of Nathaniel (2), m., Dec. 21, 1842, Elvira R. Snow, b. May 15, 1824. He lived many years in Chfd., but res. at present in Wincr. Stone-mason.

Ch.: *Ellen E.*, b. July 27, 1846.—*George H.*, b. May 4, 1851.—*Nathaniel C.*, b. Nov. 11, 1875.

PUFFER, JABEZ, son of Nathan Puffer, b. Aug. 26, 1817, m. 1st, Harriet Field, d. Oct., 1841; 2d, Oct. 25, 1842, Martha, dau. of Daniel King, of Orange, Mass. Settled in Chfd. in 1852 or '53, having rem. to this town from Wmd.

Ch.: *Alanson R.*, b. Sept. 30, 1841; m. Emma S. Ranney. Res. in Malta, Ill.—*Charles L.*, b. Jan. 14, 1844; m., Nov. 12, 1869, Elvira H., dau. of Marshall B. Shaw (q. v.) Res. in Chfd.—*Frederick A.*, b. Mar. 7, 1848; d. Oct. 16, 1875.—*Nathan*, b. Oct. 13, 1850; m., July 17, 1875, Eva L., dau. of Alonzo and Eliza (Davenport) Kathan. Res. in Chfd.—*Henry*, b. Feb. 9, 1852.—*Maria E.*, b. July 13, 1853.—*Martha F.*, b. Oct. 2, 1855; d. Sept. 27, 1872.—*Warren*, b. Jan. 22, 1864; d. Apr. 4, 1865.

PUTNAM.

John Putnam emigrated from Eng., and settled in that part of Salem, Mass., which is now Danvers, in 1634. From him was descended Stephen (John¹, Thomas², Edward³, Elisha⁴, Stephen⁵), who settled in Wincr. Stephen had the following sons: Solomon, John (1), Gideon, Elisha, David, Lewis, Rufus.

1. JOHN PUTNAM, son of Stephen Putnam, b. in Wincr., May 10, 1761, came to Chfd. in his boyhood and lived in the family of Ebenezer Harvey, Sen. In 1779, he enlisted in Col. Hercules Mooney's regiment, and served for a while. This regiment was ordered to march to Rhode Island. (See p. 100.) In 1801, he m. Mary, dau. of Joseph Converse (1), and lived many years at the Centre Village, in the large house that once stood near the south side of the common, and which was burned about 1845. Though he commenced life in very humble circumstances, he succeeded, by his sagacity and perseverance, in acquiring a considerable fortune, owning much timber-land in the "Winchester woods." For a number of years he was one of the trustees of the Academy, and served the town in the capacity of selectman in the years 1808, '09, '20, '21, '26. He also represented the town in the Legislature in 1816, '17, '18, and '26. He d. Nov. 17, 1849, at the age of 88 years; his wife Mary d. Sept. 14, 1853.

Ch.: *Mary Adaline*, b. Oct. 13, 1802; m., 1824, Austin Birchard, of Newfane, Vt.—*Elizabeth*, b. May 3, 1804; m.,

1822, Dr. Timothy S. Gleason, of Claremont; d. July 2, 1877.—*Charlotte*, b. Mar. 1, 1807; m. Dr. Robert Gleason, of Claremont, (brother of Dr. Timothy S.); d. Sept. 22, 1858.—*Charles Lewis*, b. Sept. 10, 1810; m., 1835, Dorothy Flagg, of Keene. He graduated at Dartmouth College, and then read law in the office of Hon. Joel Parker. From Keene he rem. to Worcester, Mass., to act as secretary of a fire-insurance company. He also held several other offices of trust and financial responsibility. He d. July 17, 1877.—*Frances Maria*, b. July 18, 1816; d. June 29, 1817.—*Julia*, b. Aug. 17, 1819; m. Orrin Rawson, a native of Richmond, and a prosperous merchant in Worcester, Mass., and afterwards in Boston, Cleveland, O., and Louisville, Ky. Mr. Rawson d. Aug. 1, 1873. Mrs. Rawson still res. in Louisville.—*John Fay* (2), b. May 21, 1823.

2. JOHN J., son of John (1), m., May 9, 1860, Isabella, dau. of Dr. William Parkhurst, of Petersham, Mass.

In 1840, he was ordained as a minister of the Unitarian denomination, at Lebanon, and for a while was the pastor of the Unitarian society in that town. He was afterwards settled over societies of the same denomination at Bolton, Petersham, and Bridgewater, in Mass. His health failing at the last named place, he rem. to Worcester, and assumed the duties of general agent of the "N. E. Mutual Life-Insurance Co.," which position he held till he resigned in 1879, after thirteen years of successful service. He still res. at Worcester.

Ch.: *Charles Converse*, b. Aug. 15, 1861.—*John Parkhurst*, b. Mar. 12, 1867.

PUTNEY, JONATHAN, was in Chfd. in 1787, and lived here many years. He m. 1st, Tamar ———; 2d, Abigail ———. The following ch. were recorded: *Samuel*, b. Oct. 15, 1782; *Mary*, b. Dec. 3, 1785; *Ezra*, b. Feb. 4, 1787; *Amos*, b. Feb. 4, 1789; *Polly*, b. Apr. 10, 1791; *Nabby*, b. July 30, 1793; *Asa*, b. Mar. 22, 1797; *Sally* (by 2d marriage), b. Mar. 19, 1803.

RAMSDALE (or RAMSDELL), JOHN, m., 1772, Betty Wheeler, and had a dau., *Tryal*, b. Apr. 6, 1773. His name disappears before 1787.

RAMSDALE, NABBY, m., 1796, Jeremiah Hildreth.

RANDALL.

1. WILLIAM RANDALL came from Cranston, Providence Co., R. I., and settled in Chfd., probably in 1780, which year (Nov. 9) he purchased of Michael Wentworth, of Portsmouth, the original share, in the township of Chfd., of John Wentworth, "Jr." (?), then deceased. This share (sometimes called the "Governor's son's share") was bounded on the north by Wmd. line, and on the west by the "Governor's farm," so called. It included land lately owned and occupied by Lloyd Pierce, and formed the eastern portion of the tract marked on the chart, or plan, of the town as "B. and J. Wentworth's shares." In 1785, William conveyed the western half of his land to his sons Eleazer and Anthony, excepting 40 acres; and in 1792, he conveyed the eastern half to Anthony alone. His wife was Orpha ———, who appears to have d. about 1816. In attempting to aid financially his son Anthony, he was unfortunate enough to lose the most of his property, and during a few of the last years of his life was supported by the town. He appears to have d. in 1819 or '20, at the house of Capt. John Day, one of the selectmen, at an age of more than 80 years.

Ch.: (So far as known) *Eleazer* (2).—*Anthony* (3).—*Benajah*, m., 1784, Lydia Nichols. According to a deposition bearing the date of May 18, 1792, and recorded in the Cheshire Registry, he and his wife were, at that time, residents of Palatine, N. Y. They appear to have rem. from Chfd. in 1790 or '91.—*Esther*, m., 1785, Enoch Streeter (2).

2. ELEAZER, son of William (1), m. Martha Staples, d. about 1803. He settled in Chfd. on land given him by his father. He d. in 1796, a. (probably) not more than 40 years.

Ch.: *Roxana*, b. July 4, 1783; m., 1801, Nathaniel Franklin, of Wmd.—*Prusha*, b. Oct. 18, 1785; m., 1802, Oliver Bingham (q. v.).—*Diana*, b. Mar. 6, 1788; m., 1804, Ashbel Wheeler (5); d. Sept. 13, 1852.—*Nathan* (4), b. May 10, 1791.—*Eleazer* (5), b. Aug. 4, 1796, (a few weeks after the death of his father.)

4. NATHAN, son of Eleazer (2), m. 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of Washington Farr (7), and who d. May 8, 1834, a. 36; 2d, Apr. 18, 1842, Mrs. Catherine Deddrick. He d. at Penn Yan, N. Y., where he had resided many years, June 9, 1859.

Ch.: *Prusha*, b. Aug. 25, 1815; m., July 3, 1833, Elihu Bingham (5).—*Laura G.*, b. Oct. 1, 1817; m. 1st, Nov. 28, 1838, Otis H. Morrill; 2d, May 5, 1856, J. Baxter Murdock. Res. at South Boston, Mass.—*Elizabeth*, b. 1819; m., Sept. 15, 1839, David L. Norcross (5).—*Eliza Wheeler*, b. Feb. 25, 1843; m., Apr. 27, 1864, Ephraim Thomas. Res. at Des Moines, Iowa.—*Helen Augusta*, b. Sept. 30, 1844; res. at Des Moines.—*Geo. Washington*, b. Sept. 3, 1846; m., Nov. 25, 1873, Fannie Edwards, of Louisville, Ky. Merchant at Des Moines.

5. ELEAZER, son of Eleazer (2), m., 1815, Clarissa, dau. of Benjamin Wheeler (2), and who d. June 7, 1844. He resided in Chfd. many years, on the farm on which his father-in-law had settled, now owned by Wm. L. Clegg. He d. in Wmd., June 17, 1860.

Ch.: *Diana*, b. June 7, 1816; m., May 8, 1839, Marshall H. Farr (13.) Res. at present in Holyoke, Mass.—*Roxana*, b. Apr. 21, 1818; m., Nov., 1840, Geo. Davenport (4).—*Eleazer* (6), b. Feb. 27, 1820.—*Sarah Harris*, b. Mar. 18, 1822; m., May 12, 1847, Leander Amadon, for many years a well known jeweler at Bellows Falls, Vt., where she res. Mr. Amadon d. in 1878.—*Shubel Hastings* (7), b. June 27, 1824.—*Martha Staples*, b. Aug. 15, 1826; m., Dec. 8, 1847, James H. Goodrich (3).—*Abigail Rockwood*, b. May 10, 1829; unm. Res. at Bellows Falls.—*George* (8), b. Apr. 16, 1832.

6. ELEAZER, son of Eleazer (5), m. Oct. 18, 1846, Elvira, dau. of Wm. and Sally (Little) Rumrill, of Hillsboro', and who was b. Dec. 28, 1822. Having learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, he afterwards engaged pretty extensively in the construction of railway and other buildings in Canada and the United States. Since 1860 he has engaged principally in farming in Chfd.

Ch.: *Oran Edmund*, b. in Manchester, Dec. 28, 1847; m., Apr. 13, 1871, Maria N., dau. of Moses N. Smith (25). Has one dau., Florence M., b. in Chfd., Jan. 30, 1876.—*Frederick Rumrill*, b. in Chfd., Jan. 29, 1854; m. Alice C., dau. of John A. and Fannie E. (Barrows) Kathan, of Wmd. Has one son, Winfred P., b. in Wmd., June 21, 1879.

7. SHUBEL H., son of Eleazer (5), m., Apr. 17, 1849, Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel Chamberlain (2). A carpenter by trade, he also engaged for some time in building, particularly in Western Canada, where he resided a number of years. Since 1873 he has resided at Bellows Falls, Vt., where he is at present a dealer in hardware.

Ch.: *Urban S.*, b. in Chfd., Oct. 23, 1850; d. Aug. 23, 1853.—*George C.*, b. in Chfd., July 19, 1854; d. Oct. 5, 1862.—*Sidney S.* b. in Canada, June 9, 1856; d. in Chfd. Feb. 22, 1857.—*Henry L.*, b. in Chfd., Oct. 30, 1858.—*Jessie E.*, b. in Berlin, P. O., Aug. 12, 1865.

8. GEORGE, son of Eleazer (5), m., Apr. 10, 1855, Caroline Roos. b. at Preston, P. O., Sept. 17, 1834. Since his marriage he has resided in the Province of Ontario, excepting one year recently passed in Europe with his family, his present residence being at Waterloo, in Waterloo county. For a while he was engaged in building, in company with his brothers; but for a number of years he has been occupied with trade and various kinds of manufacturing.

Ch.: *Walter M.*, b. in Berlin, P. O., Feb. 12, 1858; d. Apr. 2, the same year.—*Clara*, b. in Berlin, May 22, 1859.—*Emma*, b. in Waterloo, P. O., July 3, 1862.—*George*, b. in Waterloo, May 23, 1865.—*Albert*, b. in Waterloo, Nov. 27, 1870; d. Jan. 24, 1878.

3. ANTHONY, son of William (1), m. 1st, Diana Staples, sister of his brother Eleazer's wife; 2d, Lepha Lincoln, of Wmd. He settled in Chfd., on land given him by his father, and resided where Lloyd Pierce lately lived. He d. about 1813.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *Alpha*, b. Feb. 27, 1791; m. Ebenezer Pierce (5); d. in Wmd., July 6, 1869.—*George*, b. Jan. 27, 1793; is said to have d. of cholera, at Buffalo, N. Y., many years ago.—*William*, b. Dec. 21, 1795; unm; d. at the poor-house in Chfd., Mar., 1861.—*Benajah*, unm.; d. at the poor-house in Chfd.—*Diana*, m., 1844, Nathan Farwell (2); d. at the poor-house in Chfd.—*Silva*, d. at the poor-house in Chfd. (By 2d marriage) *Sophronia*.—*Willard*.—*Austin*. [William, Benajah, Diana and Silva were all cripples.]

RANDALL, Dr. DANIEL F., son of Dr. Menzias R. Randall, of Rehoboth, Mass., m. Amelia C. French, of Berkley, Mass., and settled in Chfd. in 1855, where he now res. (See p. 178.)

Ch.: *Lizzie F.*, b. Sept. 22, 1856; m., Sept. 22, 1876, James B. Thomas, of Hins.—*Annie C.*, b. May 6, 1859.

RAY, ABEL, was here in 1770. He m., 1776, (probably for his second wife) Hannah Amidon. He seems to have rem. from the town about 1790. No ch. were recorded, but he may have had a son, *Abel*, who was a tax-payer in 1787. He appears not to have been noted for his agility, as the expression "clumsy as Abel Ray" has been a pretty common by-word in the western part of the town for very many years.

RAY, REUBEN, m. Abigail ———, and had the following ch: *Benoni*, b. Aug. 9, 1784; *Phebe*, b. July 25, 1786; *Arza*, b. Mar. 19, 1791. His name does not appear after 1798.

REED, WILLIAM, was in Chfd. in 1781, and lived here till his death. He was found dead in a pool, more than half a century ago. Had, at least, 2 daughters: *Sabra*; *Betsey*, m. Abishai, son of Joab Wetherbee (1).

REED, JAMES, 1776—about 1800; EPHRAIM, 1788—1821; JAMES, Jr., or Second, 1787—'98; JOSEPH, 1798—1803; HENRY, drowned in Spafford's Lake many years ago.

REMINGTON, DAVID, m. ———, and had a son, *David*, b. Mar. 20, 1780.

RICE.

1. STEPHEN RICE settled in Chfd. between 1806 and '12. He m. 1st, Olive Woods, of Wincr.; 2d, Rhoda Buffum, of Richmond. He d. in Chfd. in 1864.

Ch.: (All by 1st marriage) *Edward A.*, m. 1st, Ann Hardy, of Lowell, Mass.; 2d, ———; 3d, ———. Is a Methodist clergyman, and res. in Wellesville, N. Y.—*Edwin*.—*Louisa*, m. 1st, Luther Taylor, of Lowell; 2d, Stephen Burnett, of Dum.; d. 1881.—*Olive M. W.*, m. 1st, Benjamin, son of Presson Farwell (3); 2d, Feb. 1. 1857, Samuel F., son of Richard Hopkins (1).—*Etson*, d. in infancy.—*Laura*, d. a. about 19 years.—*Stephen* (2), b. July 29, 1822.

2. STEPHEN, son of Stephen (1), m., Aug., 1843, Martha A., dau. of Benj. and Polly Bragg, of Wmd. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Eliza F.*, b. July 2, 1847; m. Charles F. Baker, of Keene.—*Frederick H.*, b. July 20, 1850; m. Lucy Lincoln. Res. in Chfd.—*Henry H.*, b. Aug. 7, 1853; m. Mary Jane, dau. of Horace Howe (3). Res. in Chfd.—*Eugene O.*, b. June 10, 1855; m. Julia Blanchard.—*Laura A.*, b. Mar. 10, 1865.—*Herman S.*, b. Apr. 21, 1868.

RICE, JOSIAH. 1794—between 1815 and '19; AARON, 1797—about 1800; JONAS, 1798—about 1800; ELISHA, 1803; LEVI, before 1812—'19.

RICHARDSON, JOHN, was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Margaret ———. He d. before Oct., 1783. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Micaiah*, b. Aug. 4, 1774; *John*, b. Sept. 17, 1777.

RICHARDSON.

John Richardson, who came from Eng., was in Watertown, Mass., in 1636. One of his sons, John, Jr., m., 1679, in Medfield, Mass., Rebecca Clark, and was the father of Joseph. Joseph had a son Seth, who was of Medfield in 1738. Seth was the father of Silas (1), who settled in Chfd.

1. SILAS RICHARDSON, the descendant of John Richardson, who came from Eng., b. 1748, m., 1771, Silence Daniels, of Medway, Mass., d. 1820, a. 70. He came to Chfd. from Mendon, Mass., probably in 1776, and settled on what is now called the "Leet farm," situated north of Factory Village, on the present highway leading from this village to the South Village in Wmd. He was one of the original trustees of the Academy. Selectman 1788, '93—'96. He d. in 1803.

Ch.: *Wilkes*, b. 1772; m. Mehetabel Clark. Resided in Chfd. till 1808, when he rem. to Champion, N. Y. Selectman 1804, '05.—*Polly*, d. young.—*Sarah*, b. 1779; m. Calvin White, of Wmd.—*Orlo* (2), b. 1783.

2. ORLO, son of Silas (1), m., 1807, Nancy, dau. of Benjamin Wild (1), and who d. Apr. 4, 1872, a. nearly 90. Resided in Chfd. Selectman 1826—'28, '34, '35; representative '28, '29. He d. May 27, 1852.

Ch.: *John Milton* (3), b. Nov. 25, 1807.—*Laura*, b. Jan. 25, 1809; m. Ebenezer Culver.—*Nancy*, b. Sept. 20, 1810;

unm.; d. 1857.—*Edwin*, b. Aug. 24, 1812; m. Sarah B. Wheeler. Manufacturer of scythes at Fitchburg, Mass.—*Sarah Wild*, b. Aug. 11, 1814; m. Col. Charles Butterfield, of Wmd.—*Silas D.*, b. Dec. 10, 1816; m. Laura M. Choate. He is a physician, and has practised his profession in Indiana and Michigan. Res. at present at Long Grove, Scott Co., Iowa.—*Diana*, b. Jan. 1, 1819; m., 1840. George F., son of Wilder Harris (9); d. Sept. 14, 1871.—*Julia A.*, b. Sept. 16, 1821; m., 1845, Dr. John W. H., son of Dr. Oliver Baker (q. v.)—*Lucretia*, b. Oct. 4, 1824; d. 1828.

3. JOHN M., son of Orlo (2), m., May 31, 1837, Bathsheba D. Hemmenway, a native of Framingham, Mass. Previous to 1847 he lived 15 years in Fitchburg and Leominster, Mass. Since that time he has resided in Chfd. Farmer, and justice of the peace. Selectman 1851, '56, '57; representative '61, '62. Has no ch. An adopted son, John Milo Richardson, b. in Marlboro', 1843, d. in Chfd., Oct. 31, 1871.

ROBBINS, DOUGLAS, half-brother of Ithamar Chamberlain (1), was here in 1770. His wife was Esther ———. He rem. to Littleton, or vicinity, probably about 1790. Three ch. were recorded: *Margaret*, b. Sept. 19, 1772; *Molly*, b. Oct. 4, 1774; *Esther*, b. Feb. 20, 1777.

ROBBINS, ROBERT, 1785—'90; DAVID, 1785—'89; JOHN, 1789—'91.

ROBBINS, DANIEL E., son of Thomas Robbins, of Mason, b. Aug. 22, 1830, m., Sept. 7, 1853, Hannah, dau. of Reuben Nash (2). Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Carrie J. Hill*, (half-sister of the following), b. Feb. 13, 1851.—*Frank D. P.*, b. Nov. 23, —; m. Emma L. Whittemore.—*Charles F.*, b. Sept. 25, 1855; d. Feb. 27, 1872.—*Susan E.*, b. Nov. 21, 1857; m. Rufus Field.—*Edgar N.*, b. Oct. 14, 1859; m. Elmira Whittemore, of Wincr.—*Sarah L.*, b. Mar. 8, 1862; m. George Johnson, of Wmd.—*Mary Ann E.*, b. Aug. 5, 1863.—*Georgia E. T.*, b. May 25, 1866.—*Ida I.*, b. June 20, 1870.—*Ervin E.*, b. Feb. 20, 1873.

ROBERTSON.

1. ARCHIBALD ROBERTSON, b. in Scotland in 1708, emigrated to America in 1754 with his wife Elizabeth and children, *James*

(2), *William* (3), *John* and *Anna*. Archibald and his wife were dissenters from the old established church of Scotland, and joined with the "New Disciples." Their names appear among those of the subscribers for the new book of "Confession of Faith," a copy of which is now in the possession of their great-grandson, Timothy N. Robertson. They came to Chfd. (having lived a few years near Boston) after their son James had settled here, but just how long after has not been ascertained. Dec. 14, 1775, Archibald was chosen to represent Chfd. and Hins. in the "provincial congress" that was to assemble at Exeter the 21st day of the same month, being the first person ever chosen by the town for such purpose. After living in Chfd. a number of years, he rem. to Brat. or Vernon, Vt. He probably d. in the latter town. His wife Elizabeth d. Apr. 15, 1791, in her 80th year, and was buried in Chfd.; but the date of his death has not been ascertained. Of his three sons, James and William settled in this town, and John in Charlestown (N. H.)

2. JAMES, son of Archibald (1), b. Mar. 8, 1741, m. 1st, Feb., 1766, Sarah Bancroft, of Dunstable, (now Tyngsboro') Mass., d. in Chfd., June 28, 1798, in her 55th year; 2d, 1800, Mrs. Mary Snow, wid. of Zerubbabel Snow (3). For a few years after coming to this country, he worked in old Dunstable and vicinity, and probably, also, took part in the last French and Indian war. In the summer of 1762, he came to Chfd., and began to prepare a home for himself and future wife. The place where he built his cabin is about 30 rods west of the present residence of his grandson, T. N. Robertson. The latter says: "What the peculiar attractions were that decided him to build his cabin on the land which has ever since been in the possession of his family, I do not know. He was a great lover of fish, and it might have been to be about equi-distant from the Connecticut river and the beautiful lake. It was said that his principal meat was shad, and his children used to say of him, that he would put the fish in one side of his mouth and the bones would come out the other." He spent two or three summers in clearing his land in Chfd., returning to Dunstable in the winter. After his marriage, in 1766, he settled permanently in this town, and passed the remainder of his life here.

The grandson quoted above says of him: "He was a man of very temperate habits, and of few wants. He could have bought all the land on the east side of the road, that is now owned by Mr. Pierce and Mr. Chamberlain, for 20 cents an acre, which had, at that time, a large number of probably the very best pine trees in this section; but he did not want it, and said he would rather have neighbors. The second barn he built had stables on both sides, in which fifty head of cattle could be fed in the winter; but he would not allow the stables to be cleaned out on Sundays, being very strict about any chores being done on the Lord's day, that could be left over till Monday." When the war broke out between the mother-country and the American colonies, he ardently espoused the cause of the latter, though a Briton by birth. In September, 1776, he enlisted in Capt. Houghton's company of Col. Nahum Baldwin's regiment. (See p. 91.) In 1777, he was a lieutenant in Col. Ashley's regiment (see p. 92); but the date of his commission has not been ascertained. He was, also, at one time, a member of the town "committee of safety." During the controversy about the N. H. Grants, he was firm in his opposition to the Vermont party, by some of whom he appears to have been rather roughly treated. (See p. 80.) He lived, however, to see brighter days both for the State and nation, dying Mar. 19, 1830, at the great age of 89 years.

Ch.: *Elizabeth*, b. Feb. 10, 1767; m., 1789, Calvin Holmes.—*James* (4), b. Oct. 31, 1768.—*Sarah*, b. Mar. 24, 1770; m. Rev. Ebenezer Bromley. Resided in Beekmantown, N. Y.—*Anna*, b. Oct. 7, 1771; m. Daniel G. Gould (q. v.)—*Lois*, b. Apr. 15, 1773; unm.; d. Mar. 27, 1802.—(Twins, b. May 17, 1775; d. a. 4 weeks.)—*Lucy*, b. July 21, 1776; d. a. 4 months.—*Timothy* (5), b. Apr. 9, 1778.—*Lucy*, b. Oct. 17, 1779; m., 1799, Gardner Farr (6); d. 1838.—*Sybil*, b. May 28, 1781; m., 1805, Rev. Martin Rutter.—*Hannah*, b. Jan. 17, 1784; m. Rev. Jona. Nichols, of Thompson, Conn.—*Alexander* (6), b. Sept. 19, 1785.—*Ebenezer* (7), b. July 7, 1787.

4. JAMES, son of James (2), m. 1st, Edee ———, d. Jan. 9, 1808, a. 38; 2d, 1815, Mrs. Susannah Jackson, wid. of Jacob Jackson, and dau. of Col. Samuel King (2), and who d. May 17, 1833. Resided in Chfd. He d. Feb. 15, 1836.

Ch.: *Rufus*, b. May 14, 1792; d. in Batavia, N. Y., where he resided, June 14, 1871.—*Sarah*, b. July 30, 1794; m., 1815, Ara Hamilton (2); d. Dec. 11, 1823.—*Lucinda*, b. Apr. 9, 1795.—*Lucy*, b. Nov. 22, 1796; d. 1802.—*Abial*, m., 1825, Persis, dau. of Nathaniel Atherton (4); res. in Le Roy, N. Y.—*Edee*, m., 1819, Jonas Bartlett, of Marlboro', Vt.—*Lois*, d. 1802.—*Lucretia*, unm.; d. May 23, 1825, in her 22d year.—*Calista*, m. Nelson Robertson, of N. Y.—*Gilman*.

5. TIMOTHY, son of James (2), m. 1st, Betsey Symonds, d. Mar. 28, 1806, a. 23; 2d, 1807, Lucinda Bancroft, who, after her husband's death, m. his brother Alexander. Resided in Chfd. till he d., Feb. 2, 1815.

Ch.: (By 1st marriage) *Nelson*, m. Calista, dau. of James Robertson (4).—(By 2d marriage) *George B.*, b. July 2, 1809; d. in Ill., Jan., 1859.—*Chas. Watson*, b. Mar. 16, 1812; res. in Rockton, Ill.

6. ALEXANDER, son of James (2), m. 1st, Jan. 2, 1817, Lucinda (Bancroft) Robertson, wid. of his brother Timothy, and who d. Sept. 28, 1842, a. 55; 2d, 1844, Mrs. Nancy Dutton, wid. of Saml. Dutton, of Dummerston, and who d. Oct. 20, 1862, a. 87. Resided in Chfd. on the paternal farm. He d. Dec. 29, 1869.

Ch.: *Hannah N.*, b. Nov. 6, 1817; m. Rev. Oren Fairbanks, and resided in Ill.; d. Sept. 18, 1845.—*Sarah B.*, b. Dec. 5, 1819; m. Allen Bancroft, then of Harrisville, now of Marlboro', Vt.; d. Dec. 18, 1853.—*Martha G.*, b. Jan. 1, 1822; m., 1846, Rev. Oren Fairbanks, of Ill.; d. Aug. 12, 1847.—*Lucinda* and *Lucretia*, b. Jan. 23, 1825; both unm. Lucinda d. July 9, 1852; Lucretia, Nov. 24, 1849.—*James A.*, b. Aug. 1, 1827; d. in Fillmore, Ill., Feb. 7, 1854.—*Timothy Norris* (8), b. Jan. 28, 1830.

8. TIMOTHY N., son of Alexander (6), m., Sept. 20, 1855, Frances C., dau. of Ebenezer and Mary E. (Leighton) Swan, of Tyngsboro', Mass., and who was b. Mar. 6, 1834. Res. in Chfd. on the ancestral farm, but has also engaged to a considerable extent in school-teaching. Is also a surveyor.

Ch.: *Ernest E.*, b. Jan. 11, 1858; d. Apr. 28, 1859.—*Byron E.*, b. Feb. 3, 1860.—*Henry Elmer*, b. Jan. 5, 1862.—*Mary I.*, b. Dec. 8, 1864.—*George B.*, b. Nov. 7, 1868.—*Florence L.*, b. Mar. 29, 1878.

7. EBENEZER, son of James (2), m., Feb. 28, 1810, Phila, dau. of Samuel Walker (1), and who d. Apr. 10, 1870. He resided in Chfd., and at the time of his death, which occurred Apr. 22, 1882, was the oldest native inhabitant of the town.

Ch.: *Stratton W.*, b. Feb. 19, 1812; m. 1st, Lucy Ann Curtis, of Beverly, Mass.; 2d, Widow Margaret ———; d. in Salem, Mass., Mar. 25, 1881.—*Arabell*, b. Apr. 12, 1815; m., 1838, John B. Fisk (3); d. Oct. 3, 1876.—*Noyes* (9), b. Nov. 4, 1818.—*James Frederick*, b. Oct. 1, 1823; m., 1846, Mary E., dau. of Jona. Cobleigh (2); d. in Chfd., Mar. 6, 1865, leaving 2 ch.: Emma, m. Webster L. Rixford, of Wincr.; Cora A., m. Henry H. Pratt, of Wincr.

9. NOYES, son of Ebenezer (7), m. 1st, Nov. 2, 1841, Eveline M., dau. of David Day (7), and who d. Jan. 29, 1852; 2d, June 9, 1853, Helen M., dau. of Richard Cobb, of Saxton's River, Vt., and who was born Feb. 12, 1830. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Edgar F.*, b. June 24, 1844; m. Sarah J. Amsden, of Hins., where he resided; d. Nov. 13, 1879.—*Gertrude E.*, b. Oct. 2, 1855.—*Cadmen D.*, b. No. 23, 1863.

3. WILLIAM, son of Archibald (1), m. Mary ———. He appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1770. About 1795, he rem. from the town, and in 1826 was probably living in Brat., at an age of more than 80 years.

Ch.: *Archibald*, b. Aug. 7, 1772.—*Margaret*, b. Aug. 14, 1774; m., 1794, James Thompson (4); d. in Champion, N. Y., Apr. 23, 1846.—*Mary*, b. July 26, 1776; d. 1777.—*John*, b. June 25, 1778.—*Polly*, b. Aug. 27, 1780.—*Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 20, 1782.—*William*, b. Apr. 1, 1785; d. in Hillsboro'.—*Abigail*, b. Mar. 31, 1787.—*Adams*, b. May 24, 1789.—*Russell*, b. July 11, 1791.

- ROBERTSON, LAUSON, b. Apr. 23, 1811, [son of Alexander Robertson (6) and Clarissa, dau. of Benj. Wheeler (2)], m., Oct. 13, 1835, Edith, dau. of John Harris (4). He settled in

Alstead, where he kept a hotel and store for a number of years. He also engaged pretty extensively in buying and selling wool. In March, 1858, he was chosen commissioner of Cheshire county for the term of three years. He d. Oct. 31, 1863.

Ch.: *Herman L.*, b. Oct. 19, 1838; unm.; d. in Alstead, Dec. 30, 1868.—*Stella E.*, b. Sept. 18, 1841; d. July 16, 1843.—*Edward H.*, b. June 19, 1844; d. Feb. 12, 1849.—*Frank H.*, b. June 18, 1853; m. Elizabeth H. Sherman.

ROCKWOOD.

Richard Rockwood, who came from Eng., was a planter in Dorchester, Mass., in 1636. He was married three times, his first wife being a dau. of Zachary Bicknell. His oldest child was Nicholas, b. 1628, and m. Margaret Holbrook. Nicholas was one of the proprietors and settlers of Medfield, Mass. Nathaniel, son of Nicholas, was b. in Medfield, Feb. 23, 1665, and m., 1698, Joanna, dau. of Thomas Ellis, of the same town. He d. Sept. 24, 1721. Elisha, the tenth child of Nathaniel, b. June 11, 1716, m., 1738, Elizabeth, dau. of James Adams, of Sherburne, Mass. He was a clothier by trade, and settled in Groton, Mass. His second child was Elisha (1), b. Nov. 20, 1740.

1. ELISHA ROCKWOOD, the descendant of Richard Rockwood, who came from Eng., as related above. m. 1st., 1762, Mary Farnsworth, d. Nov. 11, 1765; 2d, Abigail, dau. of Benjamin Stone (1). and who d. in Chfd., May 28, 1812. Oct. 11, 1769, he purchased in Chfd. house-lots Nos. 7 and 8, in the 10th range, except 10 acres in the south-west corner of house-lot No. 7. In the deed he was styled a clothier. He took a prominent part in the affairs of the town during the Revolution, being one of the town committee of safety in 1777. (See Chap. III.) Selectman in '77 and '80. He d. Feb. 13, 1832, a. 91.

Ch.: (Two by first marriage d. in 1773.) *Elisha*, b. Apr. 16, 1772; d. Sept. 9, 1777.—*Emme*, b. July 21, 1773; m. Derastus Bennett, of Brat.; d. Feb. 4, 1810.—*Molly (Mary)*, b. Aug. 13, 1775; m. Roswell Parker, of Putney, Vt.; d. July 15, 1818.—*Nabby*, b. Oct. 10, 1776; d. 1777.—*Elisha*, b. May 9, 1778; m. 1st, 1809, Susanna B. Parkman, d. June 4, 1836; 2d, 1838, Mrs. Emily W. Herrick, wid. of Rev. Osgood Herrick, and dau. of Abel Wilder, of Keene. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1802, and was a tutor in that college for

two years; ordained at Westboro', Mass., Oct., 1808, where he preached till '35; installed Nov., '36, at Swzy., where he remained till he d.—*William*, b. July 27, 1780; m. 1st, 1804, Anna Horton, of Brat., d. May, 1806; 2d, Chloe, dau. of Jacob Heminway, of Bridport, Vt., where he settled.—*Fohn* (2), b. July 7, 1782.—*Otis*, b. May 1, 1791; m., 1819, Maria, dau. of Nathaniel Johnson, of Hillsboro'. He graduated at Middlebury (Vt.) College in 1813, and at the Andover (Mass.) Theological Seminary in '17; was pastor of the First Cong. Church in Lynn, Mass., from '18 to '32, and afterwards preached in various other places.

2. JOHN, son of Elisha (1), m. Sally Green, of Wmd. Farmer in Chfd. till 1835, when he rem. to Ottawa, Ill., where he was still living in '55.

Ch: *Mary A.*, b. Sept. 5, 1818; m., Sept. 18, 1844, Rev. James Rice Dunn, of Collinsville, Ill.—*Elisha G.*, b. Mar. 4, 1820; d. Jan. 29, 1821.—*Martha E.*, b. Nov. 8, 1821; d. Nov. 29, 1829.—*Laura M.* and *Loring O.*, b. May 28, 1823.—*Fohn A.*, b. July 3, 1825; m., May 23, 1850, Sarah Jane Lewis, of Berwick, Ill.—*William H.*, b. Nov. 21, 1826.—*Levi G.*, b. March 13, 1829; d. Feb. 19, 1836.—*Elisha E.*, b. Sept. 29, 1834.

ROOT, GEO. S., was a merchant in Chfd. (at Factory Village) from 1820 to '35. His wife was Pamela ——— d. in Chfd. in 1834, a. 27. A son, *George C.*, was b. Oct. 19, 1828.

ROTH, BENJAMIN, probably son of Benjamin, who was here in 1770, m. Esther ———. The names of both father and son disappear before 1787. Two ch. were recorded: *Eunice*, b. Jan. 25, 1770; *Edward*, b. Jan. 6, 1772.

ROUSE, HENRY (R.), 1821—'36. His wife was Roxana ———. Four ch. were recorded: *Ashbel W.*, b. Aug. 18, 1824.—*Buxton*, b. Oct. 23, 1826, and d. the same year.—*Fohn B.*, b. Oct. 18, 1827.—*Benjamin F.*, b. Aug. 19, 1829.

ROYCE, LYMAN, son of David and Harriet Royce, b. in Hins., Mar. 22, 1820, m., Jan. 24, 1846, Eveline C., dau. of Nathaniel Hildreth (13), and settled in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Ellis D.*, b. May 15, 1847; m. 1st, Mandana Aldrich; 2d, Annie, dau. of Jas. W. Scott (8); 3d, Nettie Moore, of

Swzy.—*Lodema H.*, b. Apr. 1, 1849; d. Dec. 22, 1864.—*Anna F.*, b. Feb. 4, 1851; d. Mar. 29, 1860.—*Adella E.*, b. Apr. 3, 1854; d. Dec. 28, 1864.—*Isabel E.*, b. May 30, 1857; m. Hosea Butler.—*Herman L.*, b. Oct. 5, 1867; d. Apr. 27, 1871.

RUGG, ELIJAH, m. Lucretia ———, and had a son, *Elijah*, b. Feb. 18, 1799.

SAFFORD.

1. EBENEZER SAFFORD probably came from Warwick, Mass. He appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1780, near the "river road," on what is now known as the "Dudley farm." He m. 1st, 1783, Molly, dau. of Josiah Hastings (3), and who d. Aug. 28, 1810; 2d, Lydia ———. Soldier 1780. He d. in 1843.

Ch.: *Luke*, b. June 28, 1783; d. in Bangor, N. Y.—*Roswell* (2), b. Nov. 18, 1784.—*Ebenezer* (3), b. Oct. 2, 1787.

2. ROSWELL, son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1809, Fanny, dau. of Jonathan Farr (3), and who d. Apr. 15, 1837. Resided in Chfd. He d. Jan. 15, 1839.

Ch.: *Electa C.*, m., 1833, Celatia, son of Leonard Farr (son of Jonathan (3).)—*Philip*, d. Feb. 5, 1825, in his 8th year.—*Ebial*, d. Oct. 5, 1819, a. nearly 2 yrs.—*Fonathan*, d. Oct. 12, 1822, in 3d year.—*Eliza C.*, d. Mar. 2, 1832, a. 7 yrs.

3. EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1809, Dolly, dau. of Wm. Farr (2), and who d. May 18, 1852. Resided in Chfd. He d. Dec. 29, 1870.

Ch.: *Mary T.*, b. Dec. 3, 1809; m., 1833, Wm. Hadley, then of Windsor, Vt., afterwards of Lynn, Mass.—*Norman E.*, b. May 17, 1811. Whereabouts unknown; when last heard from he was at New Orleans.—*Lydia P.*, d. at Manchester, Mar., 1880.—*Watson* (4), b. Feb. 24, 1819.—*Oliver H.* (5), b. Dec. 23, 1820.—*Otis*, b. Nov. 13, 1822; m., Mar., 1868, Mary Winslow. Res. in Chfd. Has no ch.

4. WATSON, son of Ebenezer (3), m., Sept. 27, 1843, Catharine, dau. of Elijah Hildreth (10), and who d. Mar. 7, 1882. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Leavitt W.*, b. Nov. 10, 1844; m., Mar. 29, 1869, Hattie E., dau. of Corlis Hinds (2). Has 2 ch.: Myrtie E., b. Aug. 21, 1871; Fordis E., b. Apr. 6, 1873.—*Ellon A.*, b. Mar. 19, 1849; m., Feb. 14, 1871, Mary R., dau. of Wm. Holman (4). Farmer in Chfd.—*Charles W.*, b. June 25, 1854.—*Frank L.*, b. July 27, 1857.—*Eddie A.*, b. Dec. 28, 1861; d. Mar. 13, 1869.

5. OLIVER H, son of Ebenezer (3), m., Feb. 18, 1841, Mariette, dau. of Eber Hubbard (7). Res. in Chfd. Farmer. He also practices, to some extent, the veterinary art.

Ch.: *Norman D.*, b. Oct. 12, 1842; m., Oct. 25, 1865, Eugenie (Frink) Cressey, wid. of Geo. P. Cressey. Has one son, Bertram N., b. Oct. 25, 1869.—*Ella M.*, b. Aug. 21, 1845; m., Nov. 14, 1865, Chas. M., son of Jona. Davis (6).—*Lizzie M.*, b. May 20, 1859.

- SAFFORD, FREDERICK H., son of Lydia P. Safford, and grandson of Ebenezer Safford (3), m., May 1, 1856, Mary J., dau. of John Towne, of Hardwick, Mass. He d. in Chfd., Aug. 26, 1863, a. 33. Had one dau., *Lizzie E.*, b. Feb. 26, 1857, and m., Aug. 1, 1881, Arthur L. Smith, of Northfield, Mass.

SANDERSON.

1. JOHN SANDERSON was in Chfd. in 1775, which year (Apr. 4) he purchased lot No. 4, in the 8th range. His wife was Submit ———, d. June 27, 1822, a. 93. Soldier 1777. He d. Apr. 28, 1791, in his 60th year.

Ch.: (Order somewhat uncertain) *James* (2).—*Thomas* (3).—*John* (4).—*Susanna*, m., 1781, Reuben, son of Jona. Hildreth (2).—*Femima*, m., 1800, Nathaniel Walton (2); d. Dec. 13, 1847, a. 87.—*Hannah*, m. ——— Sole.—*Submit*, m. ——— Woodcock.—*Beulah*, d. 1774, in her 8th year.—*Sarah* d. 1786, in her 17th year.—*Joseph*, b. Aug. 26, 1772.

2. JAMES, son of John (1), m. 1st, Arathusa Shattuck, of Townshend, Vt., d. July 1, 1818, in her 44th year; 2d, Polly Hill. Resided in Chfd. He d. probably about 1845.

Ch.: *James*, d. in Chfd., Aug. 11, 1828, a. 32.—*Andrew H.*, d. in Chfd., Nov. 15, 1829, a. 28.—*Submit*, b. Oct. 5,

1802; m., 1825, Amos K. Bartlett (q. v.)—*Nelson*, rem. to Western Canada.—*Alonzo*, d. in Chfd., Mar. 11, 1829, a. 22.—*Phebe*, m. Harvey Hill (q. v.)

3. THOMAS,* son of John (1), m. 1st, Sarah Hatch, of Wincr., d. 1816, in her 65th year; 2d, 1821, Mrs. Molly Hamilton, wid. of Samuel Hamilton (1), and who d. Dec. 22, 1842, a. 90. Settled in Chfd., having purchased, Feb. 18, 1780, lot No. 8, in the 7th range, and the southern half of lot No. 9, in the same range. He d. in 1830, in his 76th year.

Ch.: *Thomas C.*, b. Mar. 23, 1786.—*Leonard* (5), b. Jan. 9, 1788.—*Sarah*, b. July 24, 1790.—*Hubbard*, d. 1794, young.—*Myra*, b. Aug. 26, 1797; m., 1828, Daniel Presho (2); d. June 15, 1879.

5. LEONARD, son of Thomas (3), m. Clarissa Bartlett, d. Feb. 22, 1879, a. 92. Resided in Chfd. He d. in 1822.

Ch.: *Rhoda*, b. Mar. 22, 1811; m. Geo. B. Robertson. Res. in Litchfield, Ill.—*Clark H.*, b. Nov. 4, 1814; d. a. 19.—*Almira B.*, b. Nov. 22, 1819; m. James Fillebrown, of Waltham, Mass. Rem. to San Francisco, Cal.—*Dwight Lyman* (6), b. May 21, 1822.

6. DWIGHT L., son of Leonard (5), m. 1st, Mar., 1845, Harriet M. Boltwood, of Windsor, Vt., d. Aug. 5, 1847; 2d, May 10, 1849, Elvira, dau. of John Stearns, of Hins., where he now res.

Ch.: (First three b. in Chfd.) *Harriet C.*, b. Feb. 8, 1846; d. July 28, 1868.—*Leonard W.*, b. Sept. 1, 1853.—*John S.*, b. Oct. 19, 1855.—*Charles C.*, b. Mar. 29, 1858.—*Nellie F.*, b. Sept. 28, 1860.—*Edward B.*, b. Nov. 4, 1868.

4. JOHN, son of John (1), m. 1st, Lydia, dau. of Eleazer Jackson (1), and who d. Oct. 17, 1793; 2d, Lodema Ingraham (?), d. Nov. 12, 1825, in her 68th year. Resided in Chfd. He d. July 24, 1826, in his 68th year.

Ch.: (By first marriage) *Sanford*.—*Sally*, m., 1809, Ma-son Herrick (4); d. Aug. 19, 1868, in her 82d year.—*Farib*, b. 1788; m. 1st, Jane, dau. of Capt. Simon Willard (q. v.), and who d. June 3, 1852; 2d, Mrs. Cynthia Hildreth, wid. of

*Thomas and John (4) were probably older than James (2).

Nathaniel Hildreth (13), and who d. July 6, 1870, in her 81st year. Resided in Chfd. He d. Oct. 6, 1864. Had no ch.—
John, m. Betsey Hill, d. 1861, a. 76. He d. about 1840. Had several ch., one of whom, Eleazer, d. in 1836, in his 18th year; another, Jonathan, d. in 1837, in his 12th year; a dau., —, m. Rufus Carter, of Keene.

SANGER, NATHANIEL. was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Anna —, and he had a dau., *Lucy*, b. Feb. 15, 1767. His name disappears before 1787.

SARGEANT.

Digory Sargeant, b. in Sudbury, Mass., was in Worcester at the time of its second settlement, in 1685. About 1704, he was killed by the Indians, and his wife and five children were captured and taken to Canada. His children were as follows: Martha, m. Daniel Shattuck, of Worcester, in 1719; Daniel, who remained with the Indians, and d. in Canada; Mary, who never returned from captivity; John, who was a captive for 12 or 13 years; Thomas. John m., 1727, Abigail Jones, of Springfield, Mass., and had the following children: Daniel, b. 1728; Abigail, b. 1730, and d. 1736; John, b. Dec. 4, 1732 (supposed to have been the first white child born in Vermont); Thomas, b. Feb. 23, 1735; Abigail, b. 1737; Rufus, b. 1740; Mary, b. 1742. John, the father, was killed near Fort Dummer by the Indians, Mar. 29, 1748, and his son Daniel was captured. His third son, Thomas, m., 1754, Ann, dau. of Joseph Stebbins, of Northfield, Mass., and had the following children: Elihu, b. May 3, 1758; Anna, b. June 18, 1760; Thomas, b. Sept. 26, 1761; Calvin, b. Nov. 9, 1763; Electa, b. Oct. 31, 1765; Luther, b. May 15, 1768; Susanna, b. Jan. 5, 1770; Erastus (1), b. Nov. 16, 1771; Roxana; Roswell, b. Nov. 27, 1776; Henry.

1. ERASTUS SARGEANT, son of Thomas, and great-grandson of Digory Sargeant, m. Annas, dau. of Warren Snow (2), and who d. in P. Q., Aug. 10, 1836. In 1792 or '93, he settled in Chfd., and lived many years on Streeter hill. Between 1815 and '19, he rem. to Dum., from which town he rem. to Stukely, P. Q., probably about 1820. He d. in P. Q., Aug. 24, 1847.

Ch.: *Edwin*, (2), b. Dec. 16, 1793.—*Diana*, m. Stebbins Hosley (2).—*Jason*, b. Jan. 30, 1796; m. Tirzah P. Stebbins, b. Sept. 26, 1803, and d. 1860. He d. in P. Q., 1862. Had the following ch: Abigail P., b. Jan. 23, 1825; Charles J., b. May 2, 1831, and d. 1850; Oscar H., b. June 21, 1840.—

- Edith*, b. Nov. 1, 1797; m., 1817, Clark Harris (8).—*Warren*, m., in Dum., Mercy Butler.—*Angeline*, m. Sewell Fisk; d. in P. Q.—*Alanson*, m. Rosamond Cleveland; d. in P. Q.
2. EDWIN, son of Erastus (1), m., Dec. 27, 1815, Sally, dau. of David Stoddard (2), and who d. June 24, 1869. He resided the most of his life in Chfd., for a while on the paternal farm, and afterwards on the farm now owned and occupied by his son Oscar E. Representative 1842. He d. Nov. 19, 1871.
Ch.: *Louisa*, b. Oct. 21, 1816; m., Feb. 5, 1839, Philip F. Franklin; d. in Guilford, Vt., Sept. 22, 1839.—*Emily*, b. in Dum., Nov. 30, 1818; unm. Res. at present in Hins.—*Croyden* (3), b. Jan. 27, 1821.—*John H.* (4), b. Feb. 2, 1823.—*David W.*, b. Feb. 14, 1825; d. May 1, same year.—*Charles R.* (5), b. Mar. 11, 1826.—*Fude S.* (6), b. June 9, 1828.—*Oscar E.* (7), b. July 24, 1833.—*Frederick*, b. July 22, 1835; d. Dec. 29, same year.
3. CROYDEN, son of Edwin (2), m., Sept. 22, 1846, in Sutton, Vt., Lucy W. Hutchinson. Res. in Oregon, Wis.
Ch.: (All b. in Oregon) *William E.*, b. Aug. 15, 1848.—*Emma J.*, b. June 1, 1850; d. Aug. 16, 1852.—*Grace A.*, b. July 23, 1852.—*Charles H.*, b. Nov. 3, 1860.
4. JOHN H., son of Edwin (2), m., Feb. 3, 1845, in Norton, Mass., Mary E. Tucker, of Chfd. He d. in Chfd., Apr. 16, 1855.
Ch.: *John E.*, b. in Chfd. Dec. 6, 1846.—*George H.*, b. in Chfd., Nov. 6, 1848; d. in Oregon, Wis., Nov. 30, 1860.
5. CHARLES R., son of Edwin (2), m., Mar. 16, 1852, in Wincr.. Sophia A. Baker. In his earlier years he engaged in school-teaching to a considerable extent, and was afterwards a stonemason. At the time of his death, which occurred in Hins., where he resided, Apr. 2, 1880, he was one of the commissioners of Cheshire county, to which office he had been twice elected.
Ch: (All b. in Hins. except one) *Lizzie S.*, b. Oct. 7, 1853.—*Charles F.*, b. Sept. 28, 1855.—*Etta S.*, b. June 22, 1858.—*Arthur G.*, b. in Chfd., July 4, 1860.—*Bertha J.*, b. May 24, 1862.—*Eddie L.*, b. June 4, 1864.—*Sidney*, b. Nov. 28, 1867.

6. JUDE S., son of Edwin (2), m., Apr. 24, 1855, Mary E., dau. of David S. Walton (6). He lived a number of years in Chfd., but now res. in Keene. Carpenter and mechanic.

Ch.: *Flora Eliza*, b. in Chfd., Sept. 3, 1857.—*Alice S.*, b. in Chfd., Nov. 24, 1859; d. July 25, 1867.—*John W.*, b. in Chfd., Aug. 5, 1862; d. Aug. 5, 1867.

7. OSCAR E., son of Edwin (2), m. 1st, Jan. 5, 1861, Arvilla M., dau. of Calvin and Mary (McColly) Wilson, of Stoddard, and who was b. Feb. 18, 1836, and d. Dec. 9, 1861; 2d, June 22, 1864, Julia M., dau. of Joseph Clark (2). For the past 18 years he has been a farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *George Wilson*, b. in Keene, Nov. 24, 1861. [An adopted dau., *Helen A.* (Mellish), was b. Oct. 15, 1865.]

- SAWYER, THOMAS, m. Sarah ———, and had a dau., *Rhoda*, b. Oct. 24, 1767. His name disappears before 1787.

SCOTT.

1. EBENEZER SCOTT, b. 1765, probably came from Wincr., and appears to have settled in Chfd. in 1788 or '89. His wife was Rebecca Smith, of Wincr., b. 1768, and d. Dec. 25, 1843. He lived in Chfd. many years, but d. in Dum., Sept. 21, 1845.

Ch.: *James*, b. Apr. 28, 1787; unm.; d. 1825.—*Ebenezer*, b. Sept. 4, 1788; m., 1822, Miranda, dau. of John Darling (1); d. in Chester, Vt.—*Daniel*, b. Nov. 7, 1790; unm; d. 1826.—*Elijah* (2), b. Mar. 24, 1794.—*Rufus*, b. Apr. 21, 1796; d. 1798.—*Polly* (or *Mary B.*) and *Sally*, b. July 25, 1798. *Mary B.* m. Herbert Dudley (q. v.), and d. Mar. 1, 1875; *Sally* d. 1827, unm.—*Rebecca*, b. Mar. 17, 1801; m. Samuel Stanford; d. July 21, 1843.—*Betsey*, b. May 8, 1804; d. 1812.—*Rufus*, b. Sept. 21, 1807; m. Mandana Tyler. Res. in Dum.—*Emily*, b. Aug. 28, 1810; m. twice. Res. in Hins.

2. ELIJAH, son of Ebenezer (1), m., 1816, Lovica Robertson, d. July 22, 1873. He rem. from Chfd. to Hins. about 1833, where he d. Jan. 22, 1866.

Ch.: *Mary S.*, b. Oct. 19, 1817; m., 1834, John Evans, of Hins.; d. June 10, 1849.—*George R.*, b. Apr. 2, 1819; d. 1828.—*Julia R.*, b. Apr. 12, 1821; m., Oct. 10, 1850, Alvin Barrett, of Hins.; d. July 4, 1854.—*Betsey L.*, b. Sept. 8,

1823; m., Nov. 27, 1843, Alexander Elmore, of Hins.—*Sarah A.*, b. Dec. 28, 1827; m., Feb. 27, 1849, Nelson Estey, of Hins.—*George R.*, b. June 6, 1830; res. in Hins.—*Rufus E.*, b. Feb. 13, 1832; d. Oct. 28, 1843.—*Caroline P.*, b. July 1, 1835; m., Nov. 15, 1855, Alvin Barrett; d. Jan. 18, 1859.—*John A.*, b. Nov. 11, 1837; d. Sept. 10, 1880, unm.—*James M.*, b. Nov. 11, 1837; m., Oct. 22, 1875, Susannah J. Swift.

SCOTT, ELIJAH, son of James, of Wincr., and nephew of Ebenezer Scott (1), m., 1809, Clarissa, dau. of Jona. Farwell (1). After living in Chfd. a number of years, he rem. to Moscow, N. Y., where he d.

Ch.: *Willis B.*, b. May 20, 1810.—*Eunice L.*, b. June 12, 1812; m., 1829, Willard H. Alexander (2).—*Charles C.*, b. Oct. 31, 1813; d. 1828.—*Lucia P.*, b. Nov. 1, 1815.—*Selina M.*, b. June 29, 1818.—*Serotia A.*, b. Mar. 7, 1820; d. 1828.—*William P.*, b. July 3, 1822; d. 1823.—*Harriot N.*, b. Feb. 13, 1824.—*Henry M.*, b. June 10, 1826.—*Susan A.*, b. Mar. 17, 1828.

SCOTT.

1. WAITSTILL SCOTT was of Wmd. at the time of the Revolution, and commanded the company that marched from that town on the occasion of the alarm at Ticonderoga. (See p. 92.) He probably came to Chfd., with his son Lyman, between 1815 and '19, and lived where Rodney Fletcher now resides, at Factory Village. His wife was Lydia ———, d. Jan. 22, 1826, in her 80th year. He d. Mar. 6, 1824, a. 82.

Ch.: *Eunice*, b. Aug. 21, 1762.—*Lydia*, b. Jan. 8, 1772.—*Waitstill*, b. Apr. 16, 1774; m. Hephzibah Daggett. Rem. to Western N. Y.—*Rufus*, b. Jan. 12, 1778; m. Mercy (or Marcia) Hackett. Rem. to Western N. Y.—*Rhodolphus* (2), b. Jan. 7, 1780.—*Lucy*, b. Feb. 10, 1782; m. Wm. Amsbury, of Wmd.—*Lyman* (3), b. Feb. 2, 1784.—*Chester*, b. Sept. 20, 1786.—*Fustus*, b. Jan. 7, 1791.

2. RHODOLPHUS, son of Waitstill (1), m. 1st, Lydia, dau. of Abel Haven, and who d. Jan. 27, 1839, in her 54th year; 2d, Mrs. Diantha Hopkins, wid. of Thornton Hopkins (3), and dau. of Wm. Farr (6). He d. in Chfd., June 14, 1851.

Ch.: *Noyes* (4), b. in Acton, Vt., Oct. 7, 1803.—*Horace* (5).—*Alonzo*, b. 1807; d. about 1819.—*Cordelia*, b. Aug. 9, 1809; m., Oct. 1, 1828, Alfred Farwell (4).—*Rhodolphus*, d. in infancy.—*Otis H.* (6), b. May 14, 1826.—(By 2d marriage) *Romanzo F.*, b. July 9, 1841; m., May 15, 1870, Sarah M., dau. of Benj. B. Faulkner (2). Mechanic in Chfd.—*George D.*, b. Aug. 20, 1842; m., Apr. 27, 1873, Nancy A. Burns, of Walpole. Res. at present in Chfd. Has 3 ch.: Geo. Burton, b. Aug. 4, 1874; Ida B., b. Feb. 7, 1877; Agnes D., b. Nov. 2, 1879.

4. NOYES, son of Rhodolphus (2), m. Thirza L., dau. of Elijah Walton (3), and who d. July 9, 1848. He d. in Ill., Nov. 27, 1838.

Ch.: *Thirza C.*, b. Apr. 5, 1828; m., 1848, Daniel E. Burt (4).—*Noyes R.*, b. Apr. 25, 1830; d. May 8, 1855.—*Otis M.*, b. May 27, 1833.—*Mary Ann S.*, b. Jan. 10, 1836; m. Winslow Myers Res. in Cal.

5. HORACE, son of Rhodolphus* (2) m., 1st, Miranda, dau. of Silas Herrick (2), and who d. Oct. 10, 1849; 2d, Jane Mar-meir, of Wmd., d. Feb. 8, 1877, a. 80. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 8, 1860.

Ch.: *Persis M.*, b. Sept. 12, 1827; m. Alonzo Wilson, now of Chfd.—*Horace P.* (7), b. Jan. 18, 1830.—*James W.* (8), b. Sept. 19, 1834.—*Cordelia L.*, b. June 3, 1836; m. Henry N. Stone, of Keene.—*Sarah A.*, b. Aug. 2, 1838; m. John L. Houghton, of Walpole.—*Elizabeth A.*, b. Mar. 21, 1841; m. John H., son of John P. Henry (3).—*Marcia A.*, b. Nov. 1, 1843; m. Selden S. Aldrich, of Keene.—*George F.*, b. Oct. 27, 1847; m., 1st, Eva Stone, of Boston Highlands, Mass.; 2d, Viola Hobart, of Hartford, Conn. Provisions-dealer in Boston.

7. HORACE P., son of Horace (5), m., July 4, 1852, Syrena, dau. of Ebenezer Perry, of Keene. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Charles M.*, b. July 21, 1853.—*Frank E.*, b. Oct. 27, 1854.—*Andrew*, d. a. 5.—*Martha F.*, b. Feb. 28, 1862.—*Addie H.*, b. Mar. 8, 1865.—*William W.*, b. Jan. 5, 1868.—*Emma M.*, b. Jan. 4, 1870.

8. JAMES W., son of Horace (5), m., Nov. 9, 1856, Widow Lydia (Perry) Field. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Ella M.*, b. Sept. 7, 1857; m. Horace S., son of Wm. Lincoln (q. v.)—*Annie D.*, b. Oct. 4, 1859; m., Feb. 2, 1877, Ellis D., son of Lyman Royce (q. v.); d. Aug. 2, 1877.—*Flora M.*, b. Apr. 28, 1862.—*Alice A.*, b. Apr. 24, 1864.—*Hattie E.*, b. May 12, 1866.—*Edgar J.*, b. Oct. 13, 1868.

6. OTIS H., son of Rhodolphus (2), m., Nov. 13, 1848, Maria N., dau. of Jona. Hill, of Swzy., and who was b. Aug., 1826. Res. in Chfd.

Ch.: *Stella M.*, b. June 6, 1850; d. June 16, 1868.—*Frank O.*, b. Sept. 14, 1852.—*Lilla G.*, b. Feb. 12, 1857; d. Feb. 23, 1864.—*Herbert W.*, b. Jan. 18, 1859; d. Dec. 18, 1862.—*Mary E.*, b. Jan. 28, 1864; m., Mar. 18, 1882, Elias E., son of Jona. F. Wheeler (7).—*Alice G.*, b. Oct. 20, 1865.—*Emma A.*, b. Nov. 3, 1867.—*Nora C.*, b. Sept. 16, 1869.

3. LYMAN, son of Waitstill (1), m. Betsey Mason. He is said to have rem., after his father's death, to one of the Western States.

Ch.: *Fanny*, m. Rufus, son of Richard Hopkins (1).—*Betsey*, m., 1821, James Thompson.—*Harriet*, m., 1822, Josiah, son of Ebenezer Cheney (q. v.)—*Roxana*.—*Maria*, m. Benj. Gorton.—*Lyman*.

SCOVILL, EBENEZER, was in Chfd. in 1789. His wife was Mersilve ———. His name disappears about 1799. Two ch. were recorded: *Ebenezer*, b. Aug 29, 1789.—*Maria* b. May 1, 1791.

SECOMBE, WILLIS, was here in 1785. His wife was Mary ———, d. July 24, 1816, in her 65th year. He d. Dec. 15, 1790, in his 50th year.

Ch.: *Polly*, b. July 12, 1778; d. Mar. 15, 1808.—*Betsey*, b. Sept. 23, 1784; d. Apr. 20, 1850.

SHATTUCK, JONATHAN, m. Mehitable ———, and had a dau., *Harriet*, b. July 31, 1797.

SHAW, MARSHALL B., son of Ansil and Lydia Shaw, b. in New Salem, Mass., Aug. 3, 1815, m., 1st, Sept. 21, 1837, Almenia, dau. of John and Rhoda Howard, of Wincr., and who

was b. Nov. 16, 1813, and d. Aug. 23, 1856; 2d, Apr. 28, 1857, Lenora P., dau. of Elam and Elizabeth Russell, of Greenwich, Mass., and who was b. Dec. 24, 1822. He has been a farmer in Chfd. for about 45 years.

Ch.: *Mary A.*, b. June 20, 1838; m., Nov., 1862, Zenas W. Perry, of Putney, Vt.—*John M.*, b. May 5, 1840; m. 1st, Mary J., dau. of Amos Willard, of Wincr.; 2d, ——— Bolton, of Wincr.—*Rhoda M.*, b. July 24, 1842; m., Nov. 26, 1872, Chas. B., son of Amherst Lewis (2).—*Elvira H.*, b. June 14, 1845; m., Nov. 12, 1869, Charles L., son of Jabez Puffer (q. v.)—*Emma A.*, b. Aug. 19, 1849; m., Jan. 28, 1874, Chas. W., son of Jonathan W. Taylor (2).—*Ansil*, b. Sept. 30, 1847; d. Aug. 8, 1848.—*Elsie E.*, b. Sept. 9, 1852; m., Apr., 1875, Geo. L. Kinne, of Brownington, Vt.—*Fennie L.*, b. Mar. 21, 1855; m., Jan., 1875, Benj. C. Snow, of Swzy.—*Della L.*, b. Feb. 10, 1858.—*Ira A.*, b. Nov. 30, 1859.

SHURTLEFF.

1. WILLIAM SHURTLEFF, son of John and Sarah (Carver) Shurtleff, b. Apr. 7, 1730, m., 1755, Hannah Cady, d. in Chfd., June 21, 1803. He was a descendant of William Shurtleff, who, in 1643, was a resident of Plymouth, Mass. He came to Chfd. from Ellington, Conn., in 1787. He d. Dec. 25, 1801. Two of his nine ch. were *Asahel* (2), b. May 25, 1757, and *Roswell*, b. Aug. 29, 1773.

At the age of about 19 years, Roswell entered Chesterfield Academy, where he studied Latin, going through Ross's grammar in just two weeks. One of his mates at the Academy was Levi Jackson, who was afterwards his classmate and roommate at Dartmouth College. After a while he took up the study of Greek, and went through the "Westminster Greek Grammar" in one week. In 1797, he and Jackson entered Dartmouth two years in advance, and graduated in 1799. From 1800 to '04, he was tutor in that college; from '04 to '27, professor of divinity; from '27 to '38, professor of moral philosophy and political economy. For nearly twenty years he was also college preacher, and pastor of the church on Hanover Plain. He was a man of great intellectual force, an excellent

teacher, and a devoted friend to all young men who were striving to obtain an education. He d. at Hanover, Feb. 4, 1861, in his 88th year.

2. ASAHIEL, son of William (1), m. Sarah Dewey, and lived a while in Ellington, Conn., but came to Chfd. in 1789 or '90. He rem. to Rindge probably between 1806 and '12, where he d. Mar. 24, 1830. Selectman 1795, 1800, 1801.

Ch.: *Anna*, b. Jan. 17, 1784.—*Sarah*, b. Sept. 20, 1786; unm.—*Asahel D.*, b. Sept. 8, 1789; m., 1823, Eliza M. Morse, of Winchendon, Mass. He was a physician in Rindge. He d. Nov. 8, 1843.—*Sophia*, b. May 17, 1792; m. Thomas Ingalls, of Rindge.—*Miranda*, b. Nov. 6, 1794; unm.; d. in Rindge, Oct. 9, 1873.—*Roswell*, b. Aug. 15, 1797.—*Maria*, b. June 4, 1800; m. Joel Raymond, of Rindge.

SIMONDS, WILLIAM, 1770—about 1800; WILLIAM, Second (or Junior), 1797—about 1800; GUSTAVUS, about 1800—'36.

SKINNER, ALANSON, son of Timothy Skinner, of Wmd., came to Chfd. between 1815 and '19, and remained here till about 1826. His wife was Polly ———, and the following ch. were b. in this town: *Horace*, b. Sept. 27, 1820; *Mary*, b. Nov. 22, 1822; *James*, b. Nov. 19, 1824.

SKINNER, BARTON, son of Timothy Skinner, of Wmd.; b. Dec. 19, 1801, resided in Chfd. from 1853 till Apr., 1863. Manufacturer at Factory Village. (See p. 159). Representative 1857, '58. He d. in Keene, to which place he rem. from Chfd., Feb. 11, 1865.

SMITH.

1. MOSES SMITH, from whom nearly all the Smiths of Chfd. have descended, may have been a descendant of Rev. Henry Smith who came to America probably in 1635, and was settled in the ministry at Weathersfield, Conn., in 1640. In the "History of Northfield, Mass.," by Messrs. Temple and Sheldon, one of the descendants of Rev. Henry Smith, namely, Moses Smith, is thus described: "Of Ashfield 1753; ens.; of Hinsdale 1761-64; had sons, Moses and Aaron." This description answers very well, in some respects, to that of the Moses Smith who settled in Chfd.; but the genealogy from which the

above quotation is taken contains discrepancies of so serious a nature (assuming that the Moses Smith of Chfd. *was* identical with the one described above) that the question of identity may be regarded as still open.

Moses Smith, the first settler of Chfd., was of Leicester, Mass., in 1738, where he owned land purchased of John Nobles, of Norwich, Conn. In 1761, he was of Hins., as was stated in the deed of the land which he purchased in Chfd. that year. (For an account of the first settlement made by him and Wm. Thomas in the month of November, 1761, see pp. 36, 37). His wife was Elizabeth ———, d. July 20, 1777, in her 61st year. Selectman 1771, '72. The inscription on his gravestone is as follows: "In memory of Ensign Moses Smith, the first settler in Chesterfield, who departed this life Dec. y^e 30th, 1785, in y^e 75th year of his age."

Ch.: *Elizabeth*, m. (probably) Abel Emmons (q. v.) — *Mary*, b. about 1736; m. William Thomas (q. v.); d. Feb. 4, 1813. — *Aaron* (2), b. about 1740. — *Moses* (3), b. about 1743. — *Amos* (4), b. about 1749. — *Joseph* (5), b. Mar. 26, 1752. — *Benjamin* (6), b. May 25, 1754. — *Reuben* (7), b. about 1758.

2. AARON, son of Moses (1), m. Bathsheba ———, d. Apr. 22, 1815, in her 69th year. He came to Chfd. with his father, and settled in the north-west corner of the town, on the farm lately owned and occupied by Eli Taft. He was a soldier of the Revolution. He d. June 6, 1819.

Ch.: *Sarah*, b. May 10, 1765; m. Benjamin Kingsbury. — *Aaron* (8), b. Aug. 4, 1771. — *Polly*, m. Abel, son of Abraham Farr (1). — *Maner* (9).

8. AARON, son of Aaron (2), m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Dunham (1), and who d. Jan. 26, 1863. Resided in Chfd. He d. July 8, 1837.

Ch.: *Betsey*, m. Russell Farr (3); d. Sept 20, 1836, in her 44th year. — *Fanny*, m. 1814, Waldo Cheney, son of Perley Harris (3); d. in Geneva, Ohio, Oct. 30, 1881, a. nearly 86. — *Roxana*, b. July 24, 1797; m., 1819, Pardon Davis (11); d. Oct. 9, 1876. — *Aaron* (10). — *Asa* (11), b. May 14, 1804. —

Maner (12), b. Nov. 11, 1810.—*Elmira*, b. Mar. 25, 1817; m. George Smith (14). [Two others, *Thomas* and *Clarinda*, d. in infancy.]

10. AARON, son of Aaron (8), m., 1826, Nancy Tyler. Rem. to Sutton, Vt., about 1830, but d. in Westmore, Vt.

Ch.: *Elmira*, m. Edwin Abbott.—*Moses*, unm.—*Melissa*, m. Wm. Dunsire.—*Martha*, m. Henry Newton.—*Eliza*, m. John Pierce.

11. ASA, son of Aaron (8), m., Nov. 2, 1825, Jerusha, dau. of James Snow (4). Resided in Chfd. Stone-mason and farmer. Selectman 1854. He d. Apr. 25, 1881.

Ch.: *Laura F.*, b. Mar. 20, 1826; m., May 7, 1845, Ora F. Snow (10).—*Fanny Melissa*, b. Aug. 12, 1827; m., May 10, 1855, Geo. W. Johnson (3).—*Elizabeth D.*, b. July 20, 1831; m. 1st., Feb. 29, 1852, Moses N. Smith (25); 2d, Sept. 28, 1871, Dwight W. Stearns, of Hins.—*Oscar F.*, b. July 12, 1837; d. Mar. 26, 1841.—*Jay A.*, b. Aug. 5, 1842; unm. Farmer in Chfd.

12. MANER, son of Aaron (8), m., Mar. 27, 1830, Lynda, dau. of Samuel Dutton, Jr., of Dum., and who was b. Feb. 27, 1812. Res. in Dum.

Ch.: *Caroline M.*, b. Sept. 9, 1831; m., Mar. 29, 1853, Horace D. Smith (26).—*Helen A.*, b. Mar. 22, 1833; m., May 28, 1862, George Bemis, of Paxton, Mass. Res. in Northampton, Mass.—*Emily A.*, b. Dec. 22, 1839; m., July 12, 1862, Camden M. Smith, a native of Georgia. Res. in Brat.—*Fred G.*, b. May 3, 1843; m., Dec. 30, 1880, Jennie (Parker) Tasconer, of Pownal, Vt. Engineer on the Troy and Boston railroad, between North Adams, Mass., and Troy, N. Y.—*Frank M.*, b. Sept. 16, 1846; m., 1st, May 1, 1872, Laurett M. Harrington, d. Mar. 20, 1873; 2d, Nov. 12, 1879, Marcie A. Whipple, d. Dec. 11, 1881. Res. in Marlboro, Mass.—*Charles D.*, b. June 6, 1849; m., May 18, 1876, Lucia M. Huntington. Res. in Brat.

9. MANER, son of Aaron (2), m., 1799, Persis, dau. of Ezra Davis (3), but who was divorced from him in a few years, and m. Joseph Prentice (2). Maner rem. from the town, but to what place has not been ascertained.

Ch.: *Phila*, b. May 25, 1800; m., 1822, Warren Barrows. Sen., of Wmd.; d. Apr. 27, 1838.

3. MOSES, son of Moses (1), m., 1768, Phebe, dau. of John Snow (1). He was one of the first settlers in the eastern part of the town, having purchased, Dec. 25, 1764, lot No. 12, in the 6th range. He was lieutenant in 1777, and justice of the peace for many years. He was also one of the original trustees of the Academy. During the controversy about the "N. H. Grants," he espoused the cause of Vermont and at one time the New Hampshire government gave orders for his arrest. (See Chap. III). He held the office of Selectman in 1775, '76, '78, '81, '89-'91, and was representative in '86-'88, '90, '91. About 1824, he rem., with his son Moses, Jr., to Pike, Alleghany Co., N. Y., where he d. about 1830, a. 87.

Ch.: *Abigail*, b. Mar. 7, 1769; d. Nov. 6, 1773.—*Betty*, b. Aug. 2, 1771; d. Nov. 6, 1773.—*Phebe*, b. Feb. 17, 1774; d. 1777.—*Polly*, b. Nov. 21, 1777; m., 1804, Oliver Atherton (5); d. Dec. 4, 1849.—*Abigail*, b. Apr. 20, 1780; m., 1817, David, son of Benj. Wild (1).—*Katharine*, b. July 9, 1782; m. (perhaps) 1807, Wm. Bennett, 2d, of Wmd.—*Eden*, b. Sept. 11, 1784; settled at Pike Hollow, N. Y.—*Phebe*, b. Dec. 21, 1786; unm.; d. July 26, 1818.—*Celome*, b. Feb. 26, 1791.—*Moses*, b. probably about 1793; m., 1818, Huldah Hurd. Rem. to Pike, N. Y.

4. AMOS, son of Moses (1), m., 1777, Nabby, dau. of Abraham Farr (1), and who d. July 17, 1830. He settled in Chfd. on the paternal farm. He d. Jan. 21, 1821.

Ch.: *Susanna*, b. Jan. 11, 1778; m., 1802, Asa Baldwin.—*Abigail*, b. Oct. 8, 1780; m., 1806, Sampson, son of John Cobleigh (1).—*Fane*, b. Sept. 13, 1782; d. 1790.—*Amos* (13), b. Dec. 24, 1785.—*Ruth*, b. May 4, 1788; d. 1789.—*Phineas*, b. Dec. 6, 1790; d. 1795.—*Diana*, b. Dec. 25, 1793; m. Roswell Farr (2); d. Mar. 11, 1879.—*Elsea*, d. in infancy, 1797.

13. AMOS, son of Amos (4), m. Synthia, dau. of John Veazey, of Wmd., and who d. Mar. 15, 1837, in her 52d year. He resided in Chfd., on the farm on which his grandfather, Moses (1), settled. For some time he kept a tavern at his dwelling-house, and also a store near the same. He d. Dec. 29, 1837.

Ch.: *Amos*, b. July 24, 1809; d. Aug. 28, 1831; unm.—*Phinchas*, b. Feb. 4, 1811; unm.; accidentally killed in a mill at Hins., Feb. 4, 1840.—*George* (14), b. June 9, 1813.—*Mary Etta*, b. July 23, 1815; m., Sept. 26, 1841, Clark Streeter (5).—*Eliza*, b. June 10, 1817; m. Wm. Stark; d. Dec. 30, 1873.—*Marshall*, b. May 28, 1823; unm.; d. Oct. 23, 1856.—*Charles*, b. May 20, 1825; unm.; d. Feb. 20, 1874.—*Abigail*, b. Feb. 17, 1828; unm.; d. Feb. 12, 1856.

14. GEORGE, son of Amos (13), m. Elmira, dau. of Aaron Smith (8). Farmer. Res. in Chfd. on the ancestral farm, which has been in the possession of members of the Smith family upwards of 121 years.

Ch.: *George A.*, b. Apr. 13, 1840; d. Dec. 5, 1843.—*Francis E.*, b. Aug. 21, 1841; unm. Merchant at Jamaica, Vt.—*Ellen A.*, b. July 28, 1843.—*Hermon G.*, b. Oct. 3, 1845; m., Dec. 5, 1872, Mary L., dau. of Milo I. and Esther (Farnham) Phelps, of Granville, Mass. Has one son, George P., b. in Chfd., July 6, 1879.—*Albert E.*, b. Oct. 22, 1847; d. Sept. 9, 1852.—*Ella A.*, b. Apr. 10, 1850.

5. JOSEPH, son of Moses (1), m., 1776, Ann (or Anna) ———, b. May 21, 1759, and d. Jan. 14, 1818. Soldier 1775. About 1791, he rem. to Leyden (or vicinity), Mass. He d. Oct. 30, 1812.

Ch.: *Theodore*, b. Jan. 25, 1778; m. ———, but had no ch.—*John*, b. Apr. 17, 1780; m. ———, and had one son, Richard.—*Nancy (Anna)*, b. Oct. 25, 1781; m., 1807, Ezra Foster, of Leyden.—*Joseph*, b. Sept. 24, 1783; m. ———, but had no ch.; d. on the Island of St. Pierre, in his 27th year.—*Willard*, b. Sept. 30, 1785.—*Sophia*, b. Jan. 4, 1788.—*Sally*, b. Jan. 19, 1790.—*James*, b. May 22, 1794.—*Robert*, b. Oct. 29, 1796.—*Polly*, b. Apr. 8, 1799; d. 1800.—*Ransom S.*, b. June 5, 1802.

6. BENJAMIN, son of Moses (1), m., 1779, Lois, dau. of Nathaniel Bacon (1), and who d. Aug. 17, 1840, a. 81. He settled in Chfd., on the farm now owned and occupied by Ora F. Snow. He d. Oct. 26, 1827.

Ch.: *Mariam*, b. Sept. 30, 1780; m., 1800, Thomas Dunham (2); d. Feb. 1, 1858.—*Benajah* (15), b. Feb. 8, 1784.—

Lois, b. Aug. 5, 1785; m., 1805, Darius, son of Ezra Davis (3); d. Aug. 10, 1869.—*Benjamin* (16), b. Apr. 19, 1790.—*Gardner* (17), b. June 11, 1795.—*Hiram* (18), b. Aug. 8, 1800.—*Ora* (19), b. July 12, 1802.

15. BENAJAH, son of Benjamin (6), m., 1804, Polly, dau. of Ephraim Amidon (1), and who d. Jan. 10, 1856. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Jan. 17, 1868.

Ch.: *Benajah*, b. Apr. 13, 1805; m., 1st, Mehitabel Allen, of Putney, Vt., d. Dec. 6, 1839, a. 36; 2d, 1845, Sophronia Paine, of Wmd. He d. in Chfd., Feb. 23, 1863. Had no ch.—*Newell*, b. July 21, 1813; d. Oct. 18, 1822.—*Mary*, b. Feb. 27, 1819; unm. Res. in Chfd.—*Harriet N.*, b. Oct. 10, 1822; d. Sept. 14, 1826.—*Lucy*, b. Feb. 18, 1827; m., Apr. 4, 1849, Alfred Farr (8). [An adopted son, Charles Merchant, d. Oct. 16, 1842, a. 11.]

16. BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin (6), m., 1st, Anna, dau. of John Veazey, of Wmd., and who d. Dec. 8, 1843, in her 54th year; 2d, Widow Phila Reed, of Dum. He resided in Chfd. many years, but d. in Dum., June 14, 1863.

Ch.: *Larkin* (20), b. May 7, 1814.—*Curtis* (21), b. Nov. 3, 1815.—*Norman* (22), b. June 17, 1817.—*Benjamin V.* (23), b. Apr. 25, 1819.—*Squire G.* (24), b. Sept. 10, 1821.—*Moses N.* (25), b. Dec. 10, 1824.—*Betsey*, b. Jan. 8, 1827; m. Holland Bennett, of Wmd., where she now res.—*Horace D.* (26), b. Nov. 3, 1828.—*Amos G.*, b. June 18, 1833; d. July 11, 1849.—(By second marriage) *Ella E.*, b. June 17, 1849; d. Sept. 4, 1863.—*Henry E.*, b. Jan. 23, 1851; d. Sept. 23, the same year.

20. LARKIN, son of Benjamin (16), m., Feb. 13, 1839, Catherine Jones, of Londonderry, Vt., where he res.

Ch.: *George G.*, b. Sept. 6, 1842; m., May 24, 1869, Verancie A. Benson. Merchant and Postmaster at So. Londonderry, Vt.

21. CURTIS, son of Benjamin (16), m. Mrs. Abbie Follansbee. For many years he was a policeman in Boston, where he d. Dec. 25, 1872.

Ch.: *Frank C.*, b. Aug. 2, 1848.—*M. Josephine*, b. Sept. 20, 1850; m., Apr. 26, 1870, Wm. H. Bursley, of Boston.

22. NORMAN, son of Benjamin (16), m., Apr. 13, 1841, Lucy Ann, dau. of Warren and Phila (Smith) Barrows, of Wmd., and who was b. Feb. 19, 1823. Stone-mason and farmer. Res. at present in Chfd.

Ch.: *Henrietta E.*, b. in Jamaica, Vt., Jan. 11, 1846; m., Jan. 10, 1865, Horace E. Kilburn, of Wardsboro', Vt., now of Chfd.—*Loring A.*, b. in Jamaica, Nov. 29, 1849; m., Dec. 22, 1874, Augusta D. Harris. Res. in Hins.—*George N.*, b. in Walpole, Apr. 2, 1859.

23. BENJAMIN V., son of Benjamin (16), m., Dec. 31, 1846, Dolly, dau. of Benjamin Wheeler (2). Has resided much of the time since his marriage in Chfd.

Ch.: *Anna E.*, b. Oct. 8, 1848; m., Nov. 14, 1877, Alonzo F. Wilbur, of Surry.—*Emma W.*, b. Sept. 9, 1851; unm.; d. May 3, 1876.—*Addie M.*, b. Feb. 5, 1855; m., June 12, 1875, Willis H. Streeter, of Wmd.—*Charles L.*, b. July 17, 1857. *Sedella H.*, b. Apr. 12, 1861.

24. SQUIRE G., son of Benjamin (16), m., Oct. 26, 1848, Cynthia S., dau. of Justus and Huldah (Veazey) Lane, and who d. July 5, 1874. Res. at North Charlestown, (N. H.)

Ch.: *Edna E.*, b. July 5, 1850; m., Jan. 4, 1874, John T. Hatch, of Woodstock, Vt.—*Frank A.*, b. July 28, 1852; m., Dec. 24, 1878, Bettie A. Merrill, of Windsor, Vt.—*Stella V.*, b. July 2, 1855; m., Feb. 15, 1879, Geo. C. Farnsworth, of Bellows Falls, Vt.

25. MOSES N., son of Benjamin (16), m., Feb. 29, 1852, Elizabeth D., dau. of Asa Smith (11). Carpenter. Resided in Chfd. He d. Nov. 10, 1853.

Ch.: *Maria Newell*, b. Dec. 8, 1853; m., Apr. 13, 1871, Oran E., son of Eleazer Randall (6).

26. HORACE D., son of Benjamin (16), m., Mar. 29, 1853, Caroline M., dau. of Maner Smith (12). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Melvin M.*, b. Jan. 3, 1854.

17. GARDNER, son of Benjamin (6), m., 1st, Apr. 24, 1817, Rachel, dau. of Ezra Pierce, of Wmd., and who d. Mar. 15, 1866, a. 74; 2d, Mrs. Hannah Howe, wid. of Saml. Howe, of Wmd. He resided a part of his life in Chfd., but d. in Brat., July 1, 1881.

Ch.: *Sally P.*, b. July 10, 1818; m., Mar. 16, 1841, Ephm. Amidon (4).—*Rebecca L.*, b. Oct. 14, 1821; d. Aug. 27, 1827.—*Joseph G.*, b. Sept. 30, 1825; m. Betsey W. Perry, of Upton, Mass. Undertaker in Brat. Has one ch., Emma J., b. Aug. 31, 1850.—*Rachel*, b. Feb. 4, 1827; d. Mar. 2, 1844.—*Rebecca P.*, b. Sept. 8, 1832; m. James B. Coffin, of Nantucket, Mass.—*William H.*, b. Sept. 9, 1834; m. Mrs. Mary F. Seddon, of Rockford, Ill. Res. in Brat.

18. **HIRAM**, son of Benjamin (6), m., Feb 20, 1821, Olive Arnold of Wmd., b. Nov. 20, 1800, and d. Sept. 11, 1865. He resided in Windham and Londonderry, Vt., in Wmd. and Walpole. He d. in the last named town, June 22, 1875.

Ch.: *Ralph*, b. May 27, 1824.—*Caroline*, b. July 30, 1825.—*Miranda*, b. Oct. 1, 1826.—*David A.*, b. Jan. 10, 1828.—*Charles L.*, b. Feb. 28, 1829.—*Sarah*, b. Aug. 23, 1830; m., Sept. 8, 1853, Henry G. Hale, of Bradford, now of Chfd.—*Phineas C.*, b. Sept. 12, 1832; d. July 8, 1861.—*Laura*, b. Jan. 1, 1835; d. May 6, 1839.—*Adaline* and *Augusta*, b. June 4, 1837. *Augusta* d. Nov. 15, 1862.—*George*, b. Feb. 24, 1841.—*Hiram K.*, b. Aug. 23, 1842.—*Elizabeth D.*, b. May 20, 1845.

19. **ORA**, son of Benjamin (6), m., Jan. 1, 1823, Esther, dau. of Samuel Farr (1), *Third*, and who d. Feb. 9, 1876. He resided most of the time in Londonderry, Vt., till 1836, when he returned to Chfd.; rem. in '43 to Somerset, Vt., where he remained about 12 years. After residing several years in other towns, he returned to Chfd., where he spent the most of the remaining years of his life. He d., however, in Brat., Nov. 15, 1875.

Ch.: *Lois*, b. May 12, 1824; m., Apr. 12, 1842, Lyman P., son of Amos Farr (8).—*Esther*, b. Sept. 2, 1827; m., Jan. 1, 1846, Hazelton Rice, Jr., of Somerset, now of Chfd.—*Eleanor*, b. July 9, 1829; d. Nov. 10, 1835.—*Ora* (27), b. Sept. 20, 1831.—*Oscar*, b. Feb. 20, 1834; m., Nov. 8, 1853, Sarah M. Prouty, of Marlboro, Vt. Res. in Brat. Has no ch.—*Ellen*, b. Nov. 5, 1836; m., Dec. 2, 1857, Warren Rice, of Bennington, Vt.—*Laura Ann*, b. Sept. 20, 1839; m., Feb. 18, 1868,

Henry F. Houghton, merchant, of Brat.—*Orleans W.*, b. July 29, 1842; m., Apr. 23, 1863. Mila Bailey, of Somerset, Vt. Res. at present in Bridgeport, Conn.

27. ORA, son of Ora (19), m., June 17, 1851, Miranda Sawin, of Westminster, Mass. Carpenter and joiner. He d. in Chfd., July 4, 1878.

Ch.: *Frank N.*, b. Aug. 20, 1852; m., Nov., 1875, Addie M., dau. of Zenas Hopkins, of Wmd., and who d. Oct. 8, 1880.—*Emma E.*, b. Dec. 8, 1854; m., Jason Prouty, of Wilmington, Vt.—*Lilla*, b. Mar. 27, 1856; m. Ora Sawin, of Westminster, Mass.—*Nellie M.*, b. June 30, 1857.—*Laura M.* b. Aug. 27, 1861.—*Fred O.*, b. June 28, 1863; d. at Red Cloud, Neb., Apr. 20, 1882.

7. REUBEN, son of Moses (1), m., 1783, Anna Powers, and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Henry Chicker-ing. The jocular boast that he sometimes made has already been mentioned. (See p. 37). About 1821, he rem. to Lyman, where he d. Apr. 4, 1843.

Ch.: *Ezra*, b. June 26, 1784; m. ——— Pierce; d. in Lyman about 1860 or '62. Had the following ch.: Ezra, Patty, Harriet, Ransom, Amy, Chancey, and perhaps others.—*Lodisa*, b. Apr. 20 1786; m. Wm. Howe (1).—*Parley* and *Carley*, b. May 28, 1793. Parley m. Abigail Ely, and res. in Lyman. Has had the following ch.: Samuel, Julia, Julius, Horace, Amos, Caroline and Isaac. Carley m. Polly, dau. of Nathaniel Walton (2). He "went West" a number of years ago, and has not been heard from since.

SNOW.

1. JOHN SNOW settled in Chfd. probably in 1762, which year he and Moses Smith built the first saw-mill erected in the town. (See p. 38.) He appears to have lived on or near what was afterwards the town poor-farm. He undoubtedly came from Mass., but from what town has not been ascertained. His wife was Abigail ———, d. Mar. 6, 1790, in her 84th year. Selectman 1767. He d. May 12, 1777, in his 72d year.

Ch.: *Warren* (2).—*Zerubbabel* (3).—*Phebe*, m., 1768, Moses Smith (3). [There may have been others that d. young, or settled elsewhere.]

2. WARREN, son of John (1), m. Amy Harvey. He settled in Chfd. in 1769 or '70, having come from Princeton, Mass., and lived many years where Mrs. Mary E. Streeter now lives. In 1777, he was a member of the "committee of inspection and correspondence." (See p. 56.) Selectman 1779. He d. on Streeter hill, in 1824, at the residence of Edwin Sargeant, with whom he was living.

Ch.: *Amy*, b. in Paxton, Mass., Oct. 2, 1760; m., 1782, Ezra Davis (3); d. Feb. 25, 1842.—*Pliny*, b. in Paxton, Apr. 15, 1762; d. May 22, 1764.—*Abi*, b. in Princeton, Mass., Dec. 13, 1763; m., 1783, Perley Harris (3).—*Pliny*, b. in Princeton, June 21, 1765; m. in Chfd., 1786, Susanna Hawley. He appears to have rem. from town about 1792.—*Cynthia*, b. in Princeton, Jan. 21, 1768; m., 1st, 1785, Nehemiah Streeter (q. v.); 2d, ——— Ryan; 3d, Stephen Greenleaf, Esq., of Brat.—*Candace*, b. in Princeton, June 15, 1769; m. ——— Bly.—*Annas*, b. in Chfd., Jan. 27, 1771; m. Erastus Sargeant (1); d. in P. Q., Aug. 10, 1836.—*Roxana*, b. Dec. 25, 1774.—*Sophia*, b. Feb. 28, 1776; m. ——— Wood.—*Persis*, b. Apr. 17, 1781; m., 1799, Leonard, son of Jona. Farr (3).

3. ZERUBBABEL, son of John (1), m. Mary Trowbridge, of Worcester, Mass., (see note on p. 297), d. June 24, 1818, in her 74th year. He settled in Chfd. before 1770, on what was afterwards the town poor-farm. (See p. 180.) Selectman 1773, '74. He d. Apr. 12, 1795, in his 54th year.

Ch.: *Molly*, b. Dec. 24, 1767; m., 1st, 1785, Joshua, son of Jona. Farr (1), *Second*; 2d, 1817, John Davis (4); d. Aug. 30, 1856.—*James* (4), b. Jan. 28, 1770.—*Lydia*, b. Mar. 18, 1772; m. Asahel Farr (5).—*Abigail*, b. Apr. 17, 1774; unm.; d. in Ohio.—*Sally*, d. in infancy, 1777.—*John* (5), b. July 2, 1778.—*Sally*, b. 1780; m., 1801, Joel Stone (3); d. Jan. 26, 1812.—*Ferusha*, b. Nov. 7, 1784; m., 1st, 1801, Peter Stone (5); 2d, 1816, Ezekiel Harris (5); d. Nov. 30, 1873.—*Levi*, b. Nov. 1, 1787 (?); m. Lucina, dau. of William Streeter (q. v.) Rem. to St. Johnsbury, Vt., early in the present century. Had, at least, the following ch.: Mason, William, Shipley, Lucina, Erastus, res. in Utah, and is a Mormon apostle;

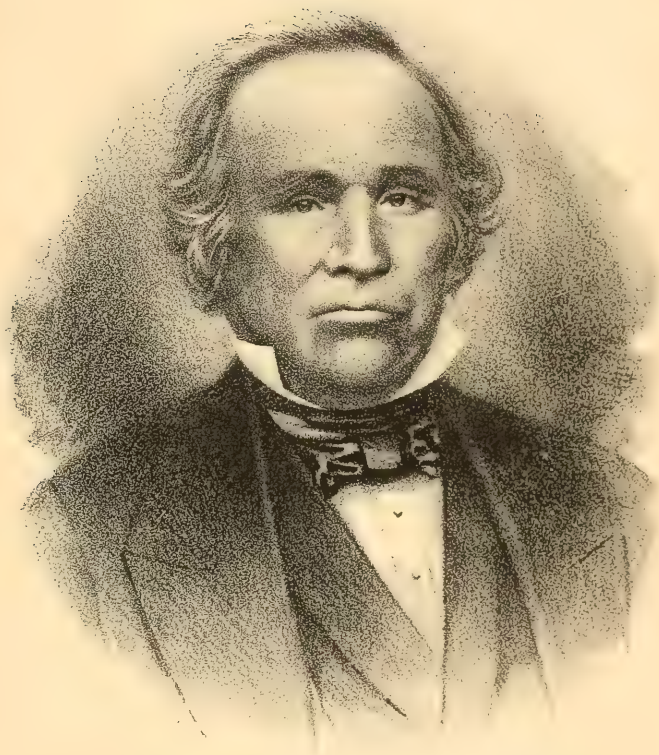
Zerubbabel, res. in Utah, and is a lawyer, having been attorney-general under Brigham Young.—*Zerubbabel*, b. May 20, 1788; d. June 15, 1806.

4. JAMES, son of Zerubbabel (3), m., 1787, Abigail, dau. of Jona. Farr (1), *Second*, and who d. in St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1837. He resided in Chfd. till about 1804, when he rem. to St. Johnsbury, where he d. Sept. 2, 1850.

Ch.: *Eli A.*, b. Nov. 1, 1787; m. Lavinia (or Lavina) Wood. Resided in St. Johnsbury.—*Kimball*, b. June 28, 1789; unm.; accidentally killed.—*Alpheus* (6), b. May 10, 1791.—*Gardner*, b. Feb. 15, 1793; m., 1814, Sally, dau. of Jona. Hastings (6). Settled in St. Johnsbury before 1820, whence he rem. to Utah. Had 3 sons b. in Chfd.: Jonathan, James, Warren, res. in Utah, and is a Mormon preacher.—*Elijah F.*, b. Jan. 7, 1795; unm.; accidentally killed in St. Johnsbury.—*Polly*, b. Mar. 4, 1798; m. twice; d. in Minn.—*Ferusha*, b. June 24, 1800; m., 1825, Asa Smith (11).—*Selina*, m., in Burke, Vt., Hiram Farmer; d. at Spring Valley, Fillmore Co., Minn., Apr. 17, 1881.—*Sally*, unm.; d. in St. Johnsbury, Apr. 12, 1850.—*Mercy*, m. Anson, son of Thomas Hosley (1); d. in Chfd., Oct. 25, 1851, a. 44.—*Thirza C.*, unm.; res. in Chfd.

6. ALPHEUS, son of James (4), m., 1815, Salome, dau. of Perley Harris (3), and who d. July 29, 1862. In his youth he attended school only three weeks; nevertheless, by private study, he afterwards succeeded in acquiring an ordinary education. He had a special aptitude for arithmetic, and it is said that even persons who ought to have been his superiors in this branch of mathematics sometimes sought his aid in the solution of difficult problems. When a young man, he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years at the West Village. He also engaged in farming, living a long time on the farm now owned and occupied by Horace D. Smith. He was selectman 1837-'39, '45, '49, '53, and represented the town in the General Court in 1849. He d. May 28, 1869.

Ch.: *Minerva*, b. Feb. 5, 1816; m., Nov. 15, 1840, Samuel Shumway, of Alstead; d. May 9, 1846. Had 2 ch.: Ellen M. Shumway, b. Nov. 22, 1841; Frederic Shumway, b. Sept.



Alpheus Snow.

7, 1843, and m., Dec. 28, 1870, Ella C. Wetherell. Frederic d. Apr. 16, 1871.—*Alpheus Franklin* (7), b. May 29, 1818.—*Jude* (8), b. Sept. 23, 1820.—*Lucien*, b. Nov. 11, 1824; m., May 28, 1853. Helen M., dau. of Ashbel Wheeler (4). He was an enterprising and prosperous merchant, trading extensively in California and elsewhere; and, though a young man at the time of his death, had succeeded in acquiring a handsome fortune. He d. at Havana, Cuba, while on his way home from Cal., Feb. 2, 1858.—*Bernard*, b. Nov. 19, 1828; d. July 2, 1847.

7. ALPHEUS FRANKLIN, son of Alpheus (6), m., Nov. 19, 1845, Sarah M., dau. of Judge Dean, of Claremont. Having studied law for a while at the Harvard Law School, he next entered the office of Hubbard and Gilchrist, at Charlestown, this State. Mr. Hubbard was at that time a Senator in Congress, and Mr. Gilchrist was afterwards the Chief Justice of the State. In 1841, Mr. Snow was admitted to the bar, and, after his admission, practised law in Claremont till 1864, when he rem. to Hartford, Conn., where he now resides. Since his removal to Hartford, he has, on account of ill health, abstained almost wholly from the practice of his profession.

Ch.: *Ellen*, b. Jan. 1, 1847.—*Frank D.*, b. Dec. 23, 1849; d. Aug. 28, 1854.—*Arthur*, b. Mar. 4, 1855; d. Sept. 3, 1873.—*Alpheus Henry*, b. Nov. 8, 1859. He is a graduate of Yale College.—*Alice Dean*, b. Jan. 6, 1863.

8. JUDE, son of Alpheus (6), m., Oct. 31, 1849, L. Augusta Hall, b. Jan. 21, 1828. For a while he was a merchant in Boston, but d. in Portland, Me., where he was then residing, June 6, 1867.

Ch.: *William D.*, b. Nov. 10, 1851.—*Lucien*, b. Oct. 21, 1854; m., Feb. 9, 1882, Nellie W. Spring, of Portland.—*Edward*, b. Oct. 28, 1859.—*Ella*, b. Jan. 9, 1867.

5. JOHN, son of Zerubbabel (3), m., 1st, 1803, Achsab, dau. of Moses Farr (4), and who d. Nov. 21, 1824; 2d, Rachel, wid. of Dr. Jason Farr, and dau. of John Day (2). Resided in Chfd., on the paternal farm. He d. May 3, 1829.

Ch.: *Laura*, b. Jan. 15, 1804; m., 1825, Henry, son of Barna Pratt (q. v.); d. Sept 17, 1825.—*Wm Riley* (9), b.

Jan. 5, 1806.—*Dolly*, b. Dec. 18, 1808; m. Henry Pratt, after the death of her sister Laura; d. June 4, 1829.—*Ora F.* (10), b. Oct. 29, 1811.—*Jason F.*, b. June 10, 1814; d. Mar. 31, 1835, unm.—*Mary Ann*, b. Apr. 19, 1817; d. Jan. 19, 1819.—*Geo. Rolla*, b. Sept. 5, 1818; d. May 18, 1852, unm.—(By 2d marriage) *John Scholly*, unm.; d. Jan. 23, 1858, a. 30.

9. WM. RILEY, son of John (5), m., July 9, 1829, Marcia C., dau. of Amos Farr (8). For a few years after his marriage he resided in Chfd., but finally settled in Virginia. During President Pierce's administration he was steward of the White House at Washington. For many years he has resided at Nokesville, Prince William Co., Va. Soon after the civil war began, his buildings were burned by the Rebels, and he himself was arrested. He was released, however, and went to Washington, D. C., where he remained during the war, returning to Nokesville after it closed.

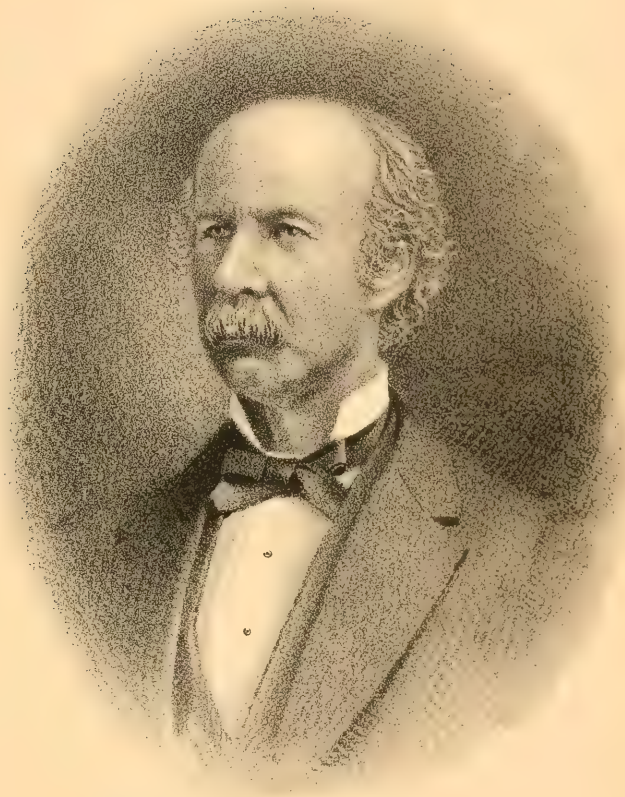
Ch.: *George D.*, b. Sept. 21, 1830; m., Feb. 20, 1856, Harriet C. Kniffin. At the time of his death, Sept. 7, 1873, he was engaged in banking at Le Sueur, Minn.—*Chancey H.*, b. July 1, 1832; m., 1st, Feb. 21, 1856, Laura E. Whitney, of Mexico, N. Y., d. Nov. 2, 1869; 2d, July 1, 1875, Nannie L. Stake. Res. in Nokesville at present, but was engaged for a while in newspaper publishing at Washington.—*William S.*, b. Feb. 11, 1841; m., 1869, Mary Horne, of Pittsburgh; Pa. Res. in Washington.

10. ORA F., son of John (5), m., 1st, 1843, Abigail F., dau. of Samuel Pierce, of Wmd., and who was b. Mar. 11, 1816, and d. June 5, 1844; 2d, May 7, 1845, Laura J., dau. of Asa Smith (11). Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Henry Herbert*, b. May 30, 1844; unm.—*John Frank*, b. July 8, 1848; unm. Farmer in Chfd.—*Laura Emma*, b. Aug. 20, 1857.

SPAULDING.

1. SQUIRE SPAULDING, from Dum., settled in Chfd. between 1815 and '19. He m., in Dum., Polly, dau. of John Kathan, and who was b. Mar. 16, 1794 (or '95). He d. in Chfd., Sept. 25, 1855.



A. F. Snow.

Ch.: *Sumner*, b. Nov. 13, 1813; m., 1837, Betsey E., dau. of Nehemiah Andrews (1). Had 3 ch.: Genevera, Orlando, Lilbon.—*Polly*, b. Aug. 20, 1815; m., May 3, 1847, Levi Torrey (3).—*Alanson* (2), b. Aug. 23, 1817.—*Lovilla*, b. May 9, 1820; m. Wilson Holden (3).—*George* (3), b. Sept. 30, 1822.—*Maria*, b. May 24, 1825; d. Dec. 30, 1855, unm.—*Aurilla*, b. Mar. 17, 1827; m. ——— Walkup.

2. ALANSON, son of Squire (1), m., 1845, Mehetabel (or Hetta), dau. of James Holman (2). He d. in Chfd., July 8, 1854.

Ch.: *Mary H.*, b. July 3, 1846; m. Walter C. Todd, of Hins.—*Anna R.*, b. Sept. 23, 1847; m. L. W. Goss, of Wincr.—*Sarah F.*, b. Feb. 16, 1849; m., Oct. 14, 1868, Richard T., son of Thomas J. Cobb (q. v.)—*Nellie M.*, b. Mar. 23, 1854; d. in Hins., Sept. 26, 1878.

3. GEORGE, son of Squire (1), m., Apr. 8, 1849, Emily B., dau. of Wm. Smith Cressey (6), and who d. May 4, 1881. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Lucius F.*, b. Feb. 25, 1851; m., Apr., 1879, Addie H., dau. of Ephm. H. Butler (3), and who d. Jan. 23, 1880.—*Bowen*, b. June 17, 1853; d. Sept. 12, 1854.—*Ellen*, b. July 30, 1855; d. Apr. 8, 1856.—*Charles*, b. Feb. 10, 1857.—*Herbert H.*, b. Jan. 8, 1859; m., Nov., 1879, Jennie Ingraham, of Newfane, Vt.—*Addie C.* and *Ada F.*, b. Mar. 18, 1862.—*John*, b. Jan. 10, 1864.—*Henry*, b. Aug. 12, 1867.—*Mattie*, b. Dec. 8, 1869.

STARKEY, SMITH, son of Timothy and Nancy (Smith) Starkey, b. in Richmond, (in that part which now belongs to Troy), Mar. 19, 1807, has resided in Chfd. since May, 1855; unm. Blacksmith at the West Village.

STEARNS.

1. JOSIAH STEARNS lived and died in Watertown, Mass. He had, at least, one son, *Jonas* (2), b. 1736.
2. JONAS, son of Josiah (1), rem. from Watertown to Lunenburg, Mass., at the age of about 21 years, where he m. Submit, dau. of Samuel Davis. In 1768, he came to Chfd., and settled on a farm now owned by Parker D. Cressey, situated about one mile south-west of the Centre Village. He d. Sept. 13, 1782.

Ch.: *Samuel* (3), b. Sept. 8, 1759.—*Jonas*, b. Sept. 9, 1761; d. Oct. 19, 1773.—*Susanna*, b. May 6, 1764; m. — Hill; d. in Pittstown, N. Y.—*Amos*, b. July 10, 1766; m., 1st, 1790, Lucy Fletcher; 2d, Hephzibah, dau. of Ephm. Amidon (1); d. in Marlboro', Vt. Had 2 ch.: Nancy, Lucy.—*Abijah*, b. Jan. 22, 1769; m., 1792, Lydia Davis. Rem. to Windsor, Vt. Was insane for many years. Is said to have had 4 ch.: Royal, Loring, Alfred (?), Polly.—*Submit*, b. Sept. 2, 1771; m. Jeremiah Day, of Chfd., and rem. to Lower Canada.—*Sarah*, b. Feb. 6, 1774; m. — Lawrence. Resided in N. Y. State.—*Relief*, b. Jan. 29, 1777; m. Judah Higley. Resided in Marlboro', Vt.—*Polly*, b. Sept. 22, 1780; m. David Miller. Rem. to N. Y. State.—*Jonas B.*, b. Jan. 25, 1783; m., 1804, Polly, dau. of Daniel Page (q. v.) Resided many years in Marlboro', Vt., but d. in Somerset, Vt.

3. SAMUEL, son of Jonas (2), m., 1st, 1781, Sarah, dau. of Amos Davis (1), and who d. June 22, 1805; 2d, 1806, Lydia Presson, d. Feb. 28, 1820, in her 39th year; 3d, 1821, Mrs. Hannah Hildreth, wid. of Isaac Hildreth, and dau. of Abraham Farr (1), and who d. Nov. 3, 1841, in her 68th year. He settled in Chfd., on the farm lately owned and occupied by his son Presson. He d. Jan. 15, 1844.

Ch.: *Samuel*, b. Oct. 2, 1784; m. Salome, dau. of Ephm. Amidon (1). Rem. to Pawlet, Vt.—*Sally*, b. Aug. 13, 1787; m., 1810, Nathaniel Amidon (2); d. Sept. 3, 1856.—*Sophia*, b. Apr. 10, 1792; m., 1st, Ashley Stockwell; 2d, ——— Newton; d. in Hartford, N. Y.—*Squire S.*, b. Feb. 9, 1794; d. Feb. 15, 1795.—*Squire S.*, b. Dec. 1, 1795; m. Lydia, dau. of Waitstill Scott. Rem. to Penn.—*Stephanas*, b. Sept. 18, 1799; d. Jan. 27, 1800.—*Salesta*, b. Dec. 29, 1800; d. Oct. 13, 1821, unm.—*Seraph*, b. Feb. 5, 1803; m. William Prentice, of Hartford, N. Y.—*Sivona*, b. June 13, 1805; d. July 4, the same year.—*Luman*, b. Feb. 18, 1807; d. in Marlboro', Vt., June 14, 1830, unm.—*Abiather*, b. Nov. 27, 1809; m., in Hartford, N. Y., Judith Perry.—*Presson* (4), b. Mar. 20, 1811.—*Lydia S.*, b. Oct. 23, 1815; m., Apr. 7, 1843, Russell Farr (5).—*Jeremiah D.*, b. May 15, 1818; d. Mar. 5, 1819.

4. PRESSON, son of Samuel (3), m., 1st, Feb. 10, 1834, Eliza, dau. of Russell Farr (3), and who d. Aug. 31, 1859; 2d, Jan. 4, 1860, Mrs. Diantha Hopkins, dau. of William Farr (6). Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Apr. 23, 1880.

Ch.: *Eliza E.*, b. Nov. 12, 1834; m., June 6, 1852, Warren W., son of William Farr (6).—*Adaline S.*, b. Aug. 27, 1836; m., Jan. 25, 1854, Asa F. Farr (9).—*Orrin P.*, b. Apr. 23, 1839; unm. He was drowned in Connecticut river, while bathing, July 7, 1861.—*Mary E.*, b. Aug. 26, 1843; m., June 19, 1873, Hazen T. Colton, of Sherburne, Vt.—*Gordis R.*, b. Nov. 20, 1846; m., Feb. 13, 1872, Ella C., dau. of Prescott B. Albee (3).—*Martha Ann*, b. Aug. 14, 1850; d. June 1, 1865.—*Hoit W.*, b. Dec. 13, 1853; m., Mar. 15, 1881, Maria Phebe Tyler, of Newfane, Vt.

STEARNS, ABRAHAM, came to Chfd. from Mendon, Mass., probably about 1780. He settled on what is now known as the "Amos K. Bartlett farm," situated about 2½ miles from Factory Village, on the present highway leading from that village to Keene. His wife was Esther, dau. of Samuel and Eunice Warren, of Milford, Mass. He kept a store in his dwelling-house a few years before his nephew, Ebenezer Stearns (q. v.), opened one at Factory Village. Selectman 1797, 1806, '07. He d. in 1825, a. 68. His widow survived him a number of years.

Ch.: *Abijah*, b. Nov. 28, 1781.—*John*, b. Dec. 21, 1783; d. in Boston. Merchant.—*Aseph*, b. Oct. 13, 1786.—*Abraham*, b. Jan. 28, 1789; d. in infancy.—*Daniel*, b. May 26, 1791; d. 1815.—*Abraham*, b. Mar. 5, 1793; d. 1799.—*Samuel*, b. Jan. 25, 1795.—*Arba*, b. Mar. 29, 1797; m., 1819. Harriet Whitcomb. Res. in Swzy.—*Ziba*, b. Mar. 3, 1799.—*Eunice*, b. Mar. 4, 1801.—*Priscilla*, b. Nov. 1, 1803; d. 1823, unm.

STEARNS, EBENEZER, son of Ebenezer, of Milford, Mass., and nephew of Abraham Stearns (q. v.), b. 1776, m. 1st, in Chfd., 1802, Melicent (or Milla) Williams, d. Dec. 29, 1815, in her 40th year; 2d, 1819, Azubah, dau. of Jona. Farwell (1). He appears to have come to Chfd. about 1797. About 1800, he

opened the first store at Factory Village. In 1805, the "Chfd. Manufacturing Company" was incorporated, of which he was agent and treasurer, most of the time, from 1809 to '21. He was an active, enterprising man, and did much to promote the welfare and interests of the village in which he lived. Representative '23, '24. He d. Oct. 11, 1825, in his 50th year.

Ch.: *John F.*, b. Oct. 10, 1802; d. Mar., 1806.—*Lloyd*, b. Oct. 10, 1803; rem. to Illinois about 1835.—*Foy*, d. Mar., 1806, in infancy.—*John F.*, b. May 22, 1813.—*Liva Ann*, b. Nov. 16, 1816.

STOCKWELL, ABRAHAM, m., 1789, Vilah (or Violet) Gale. He appears to have remained in the town but a few years. Two ch. were recorded: *Peter*, b. Oct. 4, 1790; *Ashley*, b. Apr. 5, 1791 (?).

STOCKWELL.

1. ABEL STOCKWELL, son of Abel and Sarah (Selden) Stockwell, b. Mar. 24, 1744, m. Patience, dau. of Nathan Thomas (1). His father was one of the first settlers of Marlboro', Vt. Abel, Jr., appears to have come to Chfd. in 1796 or '97. He d. Nov. 11, 1805. He had sons, *Aaron*, *Moses*, *Festus*, *Stephen*, *Abel* (2), and several daughters.
2. ABEL, son of Abel (1), m., 1805, Mille, dau. of Amos Davis (2), but did not remain long in Chfd.

Ch.: *Amos*, *Clarissa*, m. Dr. Cyrus M. Stockwell (also a descendant of Abel (1), now of Port Huron, Mich.); *Betsey*, *Cynthia*, *Willard*.

STODDARD.

1. DAVID STODDARD may have come from Rutland, Mass. He appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1767, on the farm now owned and occupied by Truman A. Stoddard. Whether he was married more than once, is not known; but the name of the wife who came to Chfd. with him was Joanna ———. He was selectman in 1771 and '72, and in the spring of 1775 he enlisted in Capt. Hind's company of the 3d N. H. Regt. According to tradition, he d. while in the army.

Ch.: (So far as known) *Eleazer*, m., 1778, Alice, dau. of Benj. Colburn (1). Soldier 1775.—*Lemuel*, m. Mary, dau.

of Wm. Thomas (q. v.) He lived a number of years in Dum., and also in Northern N. H., but d. in Chfd. at a great age. Soldier 1777.—*David* (2), b. about 1754.—*Abigail*, m. Shadrach Herrick (1); d. Mar. 26, 1835, in her 74th year.—*Femima*.—*Samuel*, b. May 11, 1767.—*Asa*, b. Aug. 27, 1770.—*Joseph*, b. Dec. 30, 1771.

2. DAVID, son of David (1), m., 1775, Sarah French, d. Mar. 12, 1844, a. 87. He settled in Chfd., on the paternal farm. Selectman 1796. He d. May 1, 1838, in his 84th year.

Ch.: *Lucy*, b. Oct. 26, 1775; m., 1796, Jona. Ross. She was the grandmother of Judge Jona. Ross, of Vt.—*David* (3), b. June 24, 1777.—*Fesse*, b. June 30, 1779; m., 1802, Hannah Willard. Rem. to Waterford, Vt.—*Lydia*, b. Mar. 24, 1782; m., 1804, Isaac, son of Jona Davis (2); d. 1832.—*Arad* (4), b. Feb. 15, 1784.—*Charles* (5), b. Mar. 16, 1786.—*Alpheus* (6), b. Jan. 16, 1788.—*Luther* (7), b. Feb. 6, 1790.—*Sally*, b. Mar. 19, 1792; m., 1815, Edwin Sargeant (2); d. June 24, 1869.—*Eleazer* (8), b. May 18, 1794.—*Abel* (9), b. Sept., 1796.

3. DAVID, son of David (2), m. 1st, 1801, Susanna, dau. of Jona. Davis (2); 2d, Joanna Farr. He settled in Northern Vt.

Ch.: *Jonathan*, b. May 7, 1801. He was a lawyer in St. Johnsbury, Vt., where he d. in the spring of 1881.—*Susanna*, b. in Waterford, Vt., Aug. 26, 1804.—*Gratia*, b. in Waterford, Sept. 13, 1806.—*Norman*, b. in Waterford, May 14, 1808.—*Sarah*, b. in Waterford, Apr. 30, 1810.—(By 2d marriage) *Lucius*, d. in the South sometime during the civil war.—*Elvira*, res. in Newark, Vt.

4. ARAD, son of David (2), m., 1807, Polly, dau. of Amos Davis (2), and who d. Sept. 10, 1840. He resided in Chfd. on the farm now owned and occupied by Mark Cook. He d. July 10, 1874.

Ch.: *Louisa*, b. July 29, 1807; d. Aug. 20, the same year.—*Rawson*, b. Aug. 10, 1808; d. Sept. 26, the same year.—*Mille T.*, b. Jan. 11, 1810; m., Apr. 27, 1829, Mark Cook (2); d. Oct. 17, 1880.—*George G.*, b. Jan. 21, 1812; m., 1833, Louisa, dau. of Enoch Jackson (3); d. in Holly, Mich.

—*Evelina*, b. Apr. 2, 1814; m. Joseph Rice, of Ashburnham, Mass.—*Lucy Ann*, b. Sept. 13, 1816; d. June, 1828.—*Sarah Olivia*, b. Sept. 5, 1818; m. Orrin Starkey, of Brat. Res. in Keene.—*Frederick R.*, b. Jan. 26, 1830; d. July 15, 1844.

5. CHARLES, son of David (2), m., 1808. Lovisa, dau. of Jotham Brigham (2), and who d. Mar. 30, 1877, a. 89. Resided in Chfd. He d. May 24, 1870.

Ch.: *Laura*, b. Apr. 2, 1809; unm.; d. Jan. 12, 1832.—*Wilder* (10), b. Mar. 21, 1810.—*Arnold*, b. Oct. 16, 1811; unm.; d. July 10, 1839.—*Theda*, b. May 10, 1813; m., 1837. Merrick Willard, of Ashburnham, Mass.—*Lorenda*, b. Mar. 4, 1815; m., July 31, 1839, Thomas Atchison. Res. in Wis.—*Mercy*, b. Dec. 23, 1817; m., Sept. 14, 1842, Obed Ellis. Res. in Dublin.—*Solomon H.*, b. Nov. 27, 1819; m., Feb. 10, 1858, Ellen Willard, of Ashburnham.—*Lovisa*, b. Oct. 20, 1821; m., June 10, 1842, Walter Atchison; d. in Chester, Vt., June 18, 1848.—*Franklin B.*, b. Oct. 19, 1823; m. 1st, Mary Ann Willard, of Ashburnham; 2d, Susan Corey, of the same town; 3d, Mrs. Jennie Gould, of Brat.—*Charles B.*, b. Sept. 26, 1825; unm. Res. in Fitchburg, Mass.—*Royal B.*, b. July 31, 1827; m., Feb. 10, 1858, Frances Fay, of Ashburnham.—*Mary M.*, b. Dec. 3, 1829; m., June 29, 1872, Heman S. Wilmarth, now of Chfd.—*William W.*, b. Jan. 15, 1831; d. in infancy.

10. WILDER, son of Charles (5), m., Apr. 14, 1835, Sally, dau. of Abel Fletcher (1), and who d. in Chfd., Apr. 5, 1852. He d. in Hume, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1844.

Ch.: (All b. in N. Y. State) *Mary E.*, b. June 25, 1836; m. 1st, Walter Whitney, of Gardner, Mass.; 2d, Boutelle Allen; d. in Gardner.—*Francis P.*, b. Feb. 24, 1838; d. in Chfd., May 13, 1850.—*James S.*, b. May 14, 1840; m. Martha A. Howe, of Millbury, Mass., where he d. Mar. 30, 1872.—*David W.*, b. Feb. 12, 1843; d. in Hume, Sept. 17, 1845.

6. ALPHEUS, son of David (2), m., 1809, Charlotte, dau. of Edmond Farnsworth (1), and who d. in Newark, Vt., in 1854. He rem. to Newark in 1822, but d. in Burke, Vt., in 1866.

Ch.: *S. Kingsley*, b. Oct. 31, 1809; d. in Boston, May, 1866.—*Clifton C.*, b. May 3, 1811.—*Wilson*, b. Sept. 19, 1812; d. in Westmore, Vt., in 1872.—*Diana*, b. May 15, 1814; m. Eleazer, son of Osborn Davis (4); d. in Newark, Apr. 12, 1861.—*Adaline C.*, b. June 1, 1819.—*Rawson*, b. Mar. 21, 1821.—*Marshall W.*, b. Feb. 28, 1823.—*Louisa E.*, b. Aug. 17, 1829; d. in Lyndon, Vt., in 1852.

7. LUTHER, son of David (2), m. 1st, 1814, Martha (Patty), dau. of Samuel Farr (1), *Third*, and who d. in Sutton, Vt., in 1840; 2d, Hannah, wid. of Ora Farr (12), and who d. in Sutton, July 31, 1852. He d. in the same town in 1862.

Ch.: *Alzina*, b. Sept. 11, 1814; d. 1828.—*Alphonso*, b. May 13, 1816; d. the same year.—*Almon*, b. July 11, 1817.—*Adaline*, b. 1820; d. 1850.—*Almira*, b. May 13, 1822.—*William T.*, b. Nov. 25, 1830; d. 1853.—*Albina M.*, b. June 10, 1837.

8. ELEAZER, son of David (2), m., 1816, Sally, dau. of Jonathan Davis (2), and who d. June 14, 1864. He d. in Chfd., Oct. 16, 1827.

Ch.: *Hosea L.* (11), b. 1816.—*David Leavitt* (12), b. Oct. 21, 1818.—*Caroline E.*, m. Dr. O. J. Martin, of Hins., where she res.

11. HOSEA L., son of Eleazer (8), m., Nov. 8, 1839, Elizabeth A., dau. of Pardon Davis (11). Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Apr. 4, 1876.

Ch.: *Edward R.*, b. Mar. 25, 1842; m., June 6, 1872, Maria J., dau. of Ephm. H. Butler (3). Res. in Hins.—*Oscar F.*, b. Mar. 13, 1844; unm.; d. in Chfd., June 20, 1872.—*Frederick O.*, b. Dec. 20, 1845; m., Oct. 9, 1876, Mrs. Anna E. Dickinson, dau. of Jaronne W. Herrick. Farmer in Chfd. Has 2 ch.: *Lesley R.*, b. Nov. 3, 1877; *Clifton J.*, b. Nov. 21, 1878.—*Julian A.* and *Julia A.*, b. Sept. 3, 1848. *Julian A.* m., Feb. 19, 1873, *Luella A.*, dau. of Geo. L. Hamilton (3); d. Feb. 21, 1878. *Julia A.* m., Feb. 16, 1869, *Reuben B.*, son of *Reuben B. Foster* (q. v.)

12. DAVID L., son of Eleazer (8), m., Mar. 17, 1844, Harriet M., dau. of Nathaniel Walton (5). Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Nov. 27, 1873.

Ch.: *Serena F.*, b. Feb. 19, 1845; m., Nov. 12, 1867, Oliver J. Hubbard, of Walpole.—*Idella S.*, b. Oct. 30, 1846; d. July 3, 1864.—*Lilla F.*, b. Feb. 27, 1849; d. July 26, 1864.—*Stella M.*, b. Oct. 31, 1850; m., Nov. 27, 1881, George A. Ranney, of Westminster West, Vt.—*Lizzie C.*, b. Feb. 20, 1853; d. July 15, 1864.—*Olon B.*, b. Jan. 18, 1855; d. July 15, 1864.—*Austin W.*, b. Dec. 30, 1858; d. July 26, 1864.

[The children of David L. Stoddard, whose deaths are recorded above, all died of diphtheria.]

9. ABEL, son of David (2) m., 1821, Sally, dau. of Amos Davis (2), and who d. Sept. 22, 1876. Resided in Chfd., on the ancestral farm. He d. Dec. 2, 1860.

Ch.: *Ashbel* (13) [half-brother of the following], b. Feb. 13, 1817.—*Sarah F.*, b. June 15, 1822; unm.—*Orsaline K.*, b. Apr. 19, 1827; m., 1st, Apr. 3, 1845, Horace H., son of Rufus Harvey (6); 2d, Apr. 30, 1862, Nelson Dunklee, of Vernon, Vt.—*Truman A.* (14), b. July 13, 1829.—*Pamelia C.*, b. Dec. 31, 1833; m., Nov. 5, 1879, Wm. E. Wellington, of Randolph, Vt.—*Ambrose N.*, b. Sept. 29, 1837; m., in Keene, Sept. 17, 1864, Rebecca A. Ferris; d. at Eagle Mills, Mo., Mar. 23, 1871.

13. ASHBEL, son of Abel (9), m., 1st, Mar. 19, 1849, Calista Smith, b. in Rutland, Mass., Jan. 2, 1816, and d. in Chfd., Oct. 26, 1865; 2d, Nov. 25, 1867, Celissa E., dau. of Samuel J. Hubbard, of Walpole. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Ida L.*, b. Oct. 2, 1851; d. July 31, 1858.—*Linna E.*, b. Oct. 31, 1854.—*Clara M.*, b. Oct. 18, 1870.—*Lizzie A.*, b. May 3, 1873.

14. TRUMAN A., son of Abel (9), m., May 8, 1853, Sally A., dau. of Oded Tenney, of Royalton, Vt. Res. in Chfd., on the ancestral farm. Selectman 1860, '61.

Ch.: *Curtis*, d. in infancy.—*Ellen*, b. June 6, 1855.

STODDARD, ASA, b. in Lemington, Vt., son of Levi Stoddard, was undoubtedly a descendant of David Stoddard (1). He m. Eliza F., dau. of Charles Davenport (2). Blacksmith. He d. Chfd., Oct. 14, 1861.

Ch.: *Riley A.*, b. in Vernon, Vt., Feb. 17, 1850.—*Emma*

A., b. in Chfd., Nov. 20, 1853; m. Harvey Streeter, of Bernardston, Mass.—*Francis H.*, d. in infancy, Aug. 29, 1856.—*Charles L.*, b. in Chfd., Feb. 9, 1857; m. Minnie V. Hubbard, of Wmd.—*Fred H.*, b. in Chfd., Oct., 1859.—*Ella E.* b. in Chfd., Nov., 1861; m., in Brat., Warren Tufts.

STONE.

Simon Stone sailed from London, Eng., Apr. 15, 1635, in the ship "Increase," with his wife Joanna, dau. of Wm. Clark, and five children. He settled in Watertown, Mass., of which town he was selectman many years. About 1654, he m. a second wife, Sarah (Warner), wid. of Richard Lumpkin, of Ipswich, Mass., and who d. in 1663. He d. Sept. 23, 1665, a. 80. His brother Gregory came from Eng. the same year, and settled in Cambridge, Mass. One of Simon's sons was Simon, b. about 1631, and m. Mary Whipple, of Ipswich, Mass., d. June 2, 1720. He lived in Watertown, and d. Feb. 27, 1708. His oldest son was Simon (*Third*), b. 1657, and m. Sarah ———, d. Sept. 16, 1731. Simon, Third, was one of the original proprietors of Groton, Mass., and took an active part in defending the new settlement from the attacks of the Indians. He d. Dec. 19, 1741. One of his sons was Benjamin (1), b. in Groton, Aug. 12, 1706.

1. BENJAMIN STONE, the descendant of Simon Stone, who came from Eng. in 1635, as related above. m., in 1736, Emma, dau. of James and Abigail (Prescott) Parker. He passed his life in Groton, Mass., where he d. Sept. 23, 1758. His wife d. in Chfd., Sept. 29, 1782, a. nearly 70, and was buried in the old town grave-yard at the Centre Village.

Ch.: *Benjamin*, b. June 13, 1738.—*Peter* (2), b. Aug. 25, 1741.—*Edmund*, b. Apr. 24, 1743.—*Leonard*, b. Apr. 13, 1746. Some of his descendants still own and occupy lands in Templeton, Mass., that were granted to their ancestors for services in the Indian wars.—*Philip*, b. Oct. 6, 1747. He is said to have resided in Chfd. a while, but probably rem. from the town before 1787. He had a son, Asabel, said to have been b. in Chfd., Sept. 25, 1780, and who graduated at Dartmouth College, afterwards being ordained an evangelist preacher.—*Abigail*, b. June 27, 1749; m. Elisha Rockwood (1); d. in Chfd., May 28, 1812.—*Susannah*, b. June 12, 1752; m. Benj. Haskell (q. v.)—*Emma*, b. Nov. 17, 1753.

2. PETER, son of Benjamin (1), m., 1773, Abigail Fassett, of Westford, Mass. About 1770, he went from Groton, with his

brothers Edmund and Leonard, to "Narragansett No. 6," (afterwards Templeton, Mass.,) to settle on land inherited from his grandfather Simon, to whom it had been granted for services in King Philip's War. Mar. 27, 1777, he purchased in Chfd., of Silas Thompson, the farm on which the latter settled (consisting in part, at least, of lot No. 12, in the 13th range). He appears to have come to Chfd. with his family in '78 or '79. He built, at an early period, the house owned and occupied by the late Charles N. Clark. In 1790, he helped establish the Academy. (See Chap. VII.) In his efforts to aid others, he became involved in debt, and was obliged to mortgage his farm, which he eventually lost. Though permitted to remain in the house which he formerly owned (being old and infirm), he chose not to do so, and passed his last days in the school-house that stood on the site of the present one, in school-district No. 10. He d. about 1820 (as nearly as can be ascertained), having survived his wife a number of years.

Ch.: *Joel* (3), baptized in Templeton, Sept. 28, 1777.—*Amaziah* (4), b. Feb. 3, 1779.—*Peter* (5), b. Mar. 18, 1781.—*Nabby*, b. June 13, 1784; m., 1812, Isaac Fletcher, lawyer, of Lyndon, Vt.—*Lucinda*, b. Oct. 26, 1788; m. — Davis, lawyer, of Middlebury, Vt.

3. JOEL, son of Peter (2), m., 1801, Sally, dau. of Zerubbabel Snow (3), and who d. Jan. 26, 1812. The date of his death has not been ascertained.

Ch.: (All b. in Chfd.) *Bradley*, b. 1801; m. Clarissa Hosmer. Res. at West Acton, Mass. At the age of 17 years he began to learn the trade of blacksmith with Alpheus Snow, and afterwards became a skillful workman, working at his trade in various towns. His health failing, he went to Cal., where he remained about 4 years, becoming interested in a profitable gold-mine. He was also one of the founders of the Fitchburg Railroad.—*Norman*, m. Mary ———, of Westminster, Mass.; d. at Fitchburg, Nov. 30, 1879.—*Franklin*, m. Mary Griswold, of Bellows Falls, Vt.; resided in Hyde Park, Mass., where he d. Sept., 1881.—*Horace*, unm.; d. in Chfd., Feb. 5, 1862, a. 56, from injuries received by being run over by an ox-team.—*Caroline*, m. Wm. Sanderson, of Framingham, Mass.

4. AMAZIAH, son of Peter (2), m., 1805, Fanny Hall, d. June 23, 1863, a. nearly 86. Resided in Chfd. He d. Dec. 7, 1820.

Ch.: *Lauson* (6) and *Laura*, b. June 22, 1806. *Laura* m., 1st, 1834, John P. Henry (3); 2d, 1850, David Holman (1); d. Mar. 21, 1863.—*Prescott H.*, b. July 18, 1808; unm. Res. in Chfd. Stone-mason.—*Sarah W.*, b. July 3, 1810; m., 1st, Franklin Jones, of Cambridgeport, Mass.; 2d, Jan. 31, 1844, Bradley Mead (4); d. Feb. 13, 1856.—*Eliza*, b. Apr. 23, 1812; m., 1837, Horace H. Lindsay, of New Salem, Mass.—*William*, b. July 23, 1814; unm.; d. in Chfd., Aug. 20, 1875.—*Abigail F.*, b. Sept. 5, 1818; m. Elisha Crane, of Walpole; d. in Cal.

6. LAUSON, son of Amaziah (4), m., 1st, 1832, Hannah S., dau. of Joseph Fisk (2), and who d. Mar. 14, 1841, a. 30; 2d, Thankful Dodge, of Dum., d. Feb. 17, 1875, in her 65th year; 3d, July 30, 1876, Mrs. Harriet Wheeler, wid. of Ashbel Wheeler, (Jr.) Resided in Chfd. Farmer. He d. Feb. 20, 1877.

Ch.: *Frederic L.*, b. Sept. 12, 1836; m., Oct. 24, 1861, Ann S., dau. of Marshall Butler (2). Selectman 1867. Res. at present in Amherst, Mass.—*Harriet F.*, b. Aug. 28, 1838; unm. Res. in Amherst, Mass. She engaged for a few years in teaching colored children at the South, after the close of the civil war.—*Sarah A.*, b. Jan. 20, 1841; m., July 17, 1867, Frank M. Hubbard. Res. in Amherst, Mass.—*Chauncey E.*, b. Sept. 22, 1850.

5. PETER, son of Peter (2), m., 1801, Jerusha, dau. of Zerubbabel Snow (3). About 1805, he rem. to St. Albans, Vt., where he lived a few years, and then deserted his family. His wife returned to Chfd. with her children, and, in 1816, m. Ezekiel Harris (5). She d. Nov. 30, 1873.

Ch.: *Polly*, b. Jan. 8, 1802; m., Dec. 20, 1820, Erastus Harris (6).—*Chauncey*, b. Dec. 26, 1804; m. Jane, dau. of Oliver Smith, of Wmd.; d. Aug. 7, 1842.—*Warren* (7), b. in St. Albans, Feb., 1808.

7. WARREN, son of Peter (5), m., in 1843, Miss ——— Johnson, of Bayou Sara, La. Having come to Chfd. with his mother

when but a few years old, his early years were spent in manual labor and in obtaining such education as the schools of the town afforded. As he approached manhood, however, the desire to pursue the study of medicine became so strong that he resolved to quit the rural scenes of his youth and devote his life to that calling for which he had an especial fitness. Accordingly, he went to Keene and studied a while with the distinguished Dr. Twitchell, afterwards attending the Medical School in Pittsfield, Mass., from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1831. The next thing to be done was to find a suitable location for practising his profession. Endowed by Nature with a bold and enterprising spirit, he at last decided to seek his fortune in the far-distant regions of the South. He accordingly went to Boston, where, Oct. 10, 1832, he took passage for New Orleans in the brig "Amelia." The brig was wrecked on Folly Island, near Charleston, S. C., but the passengers were rescued, Dr. Stone especially displaying on this occasion the firmness and presence of mind for which he was noted. Cholera also broke out among the passengers and crew, from which he, too, suffered with the rest. He finally arrived, however, in New Orleans, late in November or early in December, in poor health and with insufficient clothing. After a while he succeeded in getting employment, in a subordinate capacity, in Charity Hospital, of which he afterwards became assistant surgeon. In January, 1837, he was appointed professor of anatomy in the medical department of the University of Louisiana; and soon afterwards professor of surgery—a position that he held till he resigned it in the spring of 1872. In 1839, he established, in connection with Dr. Wm. E. Kennedy, a private hospital. In 1841, he was unfortunate enough to lose one of his eyes from "a specific inflammation contracted from a child." When the war broke out in 1861, Dr. Stone was appointed, by the Confederate authorities, surgeon-general of Louisiana, in which capacity he rendered very efficient service. After the occupation of New Orleans by the Federal forces, he was imprisoned for a while by Gen. Benj. F. Butler.

As a surgeon, Dr. Stone possessed remarkable skill, and

successfully performed the most difficult operations. He was, in fact, "the admitted head of the profession in the Southwest." Prof. James Jones, of Louisiana, says: "His memory was unsurpassed; what he observed, what he read, what he heard, he seemed never to forget." As a man and a citizen he was charitable and benevolent. He was, in the language of Prof. Jones, "to the lowly, the unassuming, particularly indulgent. How often have I seen him cast a white ballot for some illy educated candidate for graduation, as if recalling parts of his own history, with the remark, 'He ought to be rewarded and encouraged for making so many sacrifices to raise himself to a respectable position.'" His practice was immense, and he applied himself to his profession with unflagging devotion. At one time he visited Europe, where he studied the methods of eminent surgeons; and he also contributed papers to medical journals. He d. in New Orleans, Dec. 6, 1872, leaving a son of the same name, who is also a physician.

STONE, DAVID, from Rutland, Mass., purchased in Chfd., Oct. 24, 1771, the northern half of lot No. 11, and southern half of lot No. 12, in the 8th range. His wife was Anna ———, and he had a son, *Justus* b. Mar. 24, 1776 (?). David's name disappears before 1787.

STONE, BENJAMIN, 1788—90.

STONE, NATHANIEL, 1790—about 1800. His wife was Melinda ———. The following ch. were recorded: *Sampson*, b. June 27, 1790; *Betsey*, b. Jan. 14, 1793, and d. 1794; *Betsey*, b. Jan. 26, 1795; *George A.*, b. Mar. 28, 1797.

STONE, AMOS, from Harvard, Mass., settled in Chfd. about 1810. His wife was Rhoda Moore, of Boxboro', Mass. He seems to have rem. from Chfd. about 1835, and is said to have d. in Keene or Marlboro'. Three ch. were recorded: *Simon*, b. Apr. 30, 1810, and m., 1834, Betsey M. March (or Marsh); *Olive*, b. Jan. 23, 1814; *Abigail*, b. Aug. 10, 1820.

STOWELL, ROSWELL, from Wincr., settled in Chfd., near the north-west shore of Spafford's Lake, between 1815 and '19. He m., 1st, in Wincr., Sally Cook; 2d, in Chfd., July 31, 1831, Lydia Cook. He d. July 4, 1854.

Ch.: *Emerson*, m. Synthia, dau. of Enoch Stowell.—*John*, d. unm.—*Francis*, m. Nancy Battles, of Templeton, Mass.—*Roswell*, b. 1815; m. Phebe Ryder; d. in Swzy., Dec. 2, 1875.—*Sally*, b. 1817; m., 1836, Wilson Holden (3); d. Jan. 18, 1849.

STREETER.

1. BENJAMIN STREETER was in Chfd. in 1770. Soldier 1777. His wife's name is not known, but, according to tradition, he had a son, *Benjamin* (2), b. 1760 or '61, and perhaps another, *Eliab*, and a dau., *Lucy*.

2. BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin (1), m., 1780, Sarah, dau. of Benj. Hudson (q. v.), and who d. Oct. 15, 1842. He settled in Chfd., on Streeter hill. He d. Mar. 1, 1835, a. 74.

Ch.: *Abigail*, m., 1800, Ezra Streeter (2).—*Benjamin* (3).—*Solomon*, m. ———. A dau., Fanny, m., 1839, Robert Johnson, of Chfd., d. May 5, 1861, in his 54th year.—*Squire* (4), b. Mar. 1, 1791.—*Clark* (5). b. 1794.—*Lucinda*, m. Edward Moriarty (q. v.); d. in Wmd., June 30, 1877, a. nearly 80.—*Rhoda*, m. Calvin Hastings.

3. BENJAMIN, son of Benjamin (2), m., 1807, Sarah, dau. of Charles Farr (5). He resided many years in Chfd., but d. in Wmd.

Ch.: *Sarah*, m., 1830, Joseph Fletcher.—*Laura*, b. July 4, 1814; m. Jabez J. Pierce, of Wmd., now of Chfd.—*Alfred*, d. unm.—*Elias*, settled in Wallingford, Vt., whence he rem. to Kan.—*Aurilius*, m. twice; res. in Chicopee, Mass.—*George*, res. in Wallingford.—*Ashbel*, m. Rhoda, dau. of Edward Moriarty (q. v.) He resided a number of years in Wmd., but d. in Chfd. in 1869 or '70.—*Malvina*, m. Wm. Wilbur, of Putney, Vt.

4. SQUIRE, son of Benjamin (2), m. Phebe, dau. of Lotan Hildreth (7). Resided in Chfd. He d. Sept. 30, 1847.

Ch.: *Eliza L.*, b. May 6, 1820; m., June 12, 1843, Geo. Atherton (8); d. Feb. 14, 1863.—*Lucinda M.*, b. Oct. 27, 1822; m., Apr. 8, 1863, Justin Albee.—*Elizabeth A.*, b. Apr. 3, 1826; m., Nov. 17, 1845, Amasa Burt, of Walpole.—*Squire Rawson*, b. Mar. 5, 1829; m., May 1, 1851, Sarah

Jane Scott, of Halifax, Vt. Manufacturer of silk-thread at Shelburne Falls, Mass. Has 3 ch.: Ella J., b. July 19, 1856; Gertrude S., b. Jan. 9, 1865; Ida M., b. Feb. 24, 1868.—*Miranda*, b. Feb. 23, 1834; m., Sept. 12, 1854, William W., son of Thornton Hopkins (3).

5. CLARK, son of Benjamin (2), m., 1st, 1817, Sarah, dau. of Lotan Hildreth (7), and who d. Mar. 4, 1841; 2d, Sept. 26, 1841, Mary E., dau. of Amos Smith (13). Resided in Chfd. Shoemaker and farmer. He d. Aug. 4, 1868.

Ch.: *Hannah* J., b. Dec. 21, 1817; m., 1st, 1838, Jesse Field (4); 2d, Nov., 1855, Chas. Woodward, d. Mar. 16, 1863. Res. at present in Wilmington, Vt.—*Mary Adeline*, b. Oct. 13, 1819; m., 1839, Chas. Converse (4); d. May 4, 1877.—*Chas. Elliott*, b. Mar. 19, 1822; m. Mandana Carley, of Whitingham, Vt. Physician at North Adams, Mass., where he d. Aug. 13, 1865, leaving one dau., Emille, b. Nov. 11, 1859.—*Hollis* (6), b. Apr. 9, 1824.—*Caroline M.*, b. Aug. 1, 1827; m. Calvin H. Ruggies, now of West Upton, Mass.—*John Leavitt* (7), b. Jan. 22, 1830.—*Martha Fanc.* b. Feb. 13, 1832; m. James Bassett, of Wilmington, Vt. Res. in Bennington, Vt.—*Lucius*, b. Feb. 1, 1834; d. Jan. 16, 1844.—*Sarah E.*, b. July 26, 1836; m., 1st, Benj. Ball, of Alstead; 2d, John Patch, of Wilmington, Vt.; d. Jan. 28, 1870.—*Rancel M.* b. Mar. 23, 1839; m., in North Adams, Mass., Hattie Daly. Dentist in N. Y. City.—*Henry C.* (8), b. Jan. 27, 1841.—*Marshall S.*, b. Mar. 14, 1842; d. Oct. 9, 1864, from the effects of a wound received at the battle of Winchester, Va. (See p. 123.)—*Hosea B.*, b. July 1, 1844; m., Oct. 31, 1865, Ellen A., dau. of Chas. Davenport (3). Res. in Chfd. Has one son, Clarence H., b. Sept. 13, 1875.—*Frank A.*, b. Aug. 12, 1846; unm. Farmer in Chfd.—*Ann E.*, b. Nov. 17, 1848; m., Mar. 24, 1867, Calvin P., son of Prescott W. Gilson (3).

6. HOLLIS, son of Clark (5), m., Sept., 1849, Maria A. Bixby, of Guilford, Vt. Shoemaker and dealer in boots and shoes. Res. at present in Brat., to which town he rem. from Bellows Falls.

Ch.: *Fred H.*, b. Oct. 26, 1851; m., July 29, 1875, Hattie Hodgman.—*Emma M.*, b. May 10, 1855; m., Nov. 19, 1876.

Amasa T. Eddy, of Brat.—*Minnie Maria*, b. July 15, 1863.

7. JOHN L., son of Clark (5), m., Sept. 25, 1853, Lucinda, dau. of Wm. and Almira (Bellows) Needham, of Marlboro', Vt., and who was b. Mar. 13, 1833. Res. in Chfd. Farmer and shoemaker. Selectman 1875-'77; supervisor '81.

Ch.: *Myra Lucinda*, b. July 4, 1858; m., Oct. 4, 1877, Olin R., son of Ransom Farr (7).—*Sarah Lenna*, b. Nov. 10, 1860; m., Mar. 1, 1881, Addison M. Brown, of Marlboro', Vt.—*Ella Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 23, 1865.—*Harland L.* (adopted son), b. May 9, 1874.

8. HENRY C., son of Clark (5), m., Apr. 10, 1866, Ellen G., dau. of Wm. L. Clegg, now of Chfd., and who was b. Sept. 29, 1846. Res. at present in Keene, to which city he has lately rem. from Chfd. When the civil war broke out, he was residing at Bellows Falls, Vt., and enlisted in Co. F, 1st Regt. Vt. Vol. Cavalry, Oct. 2, 1861, for the term of three years; re-enlisted as a veteran in the same company, Dec., '63; was promoted successively to corporal, 5th sergeant, orderly sergeant; commissioned 2nd-lieutenant Apr. 14, '65, and first-lieutenant June 4, the same year; discharged Aug. 25, '65. On the 25th of Aug., '64, he was dangerously wounded by a bullet that passed through his left arm and body. After several months he recovered sufficiently to return to duty, though he narrowly escaped death.

Ch.: *Franklin C.*, b. May 18, 1867.—*H. Archer*, b. Sept. 24, 1868.—*C. Bertran*, b. Dec. 10, 1869.—*Zilla M.*, b. Jan. 20, 1874.

- STREETER. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 22, 1832, m. Jemima ———, b. Apr. 25, 1738, and d. 1776. He was in Chfd. in 1770, having come probably from R. I. His name disappears about 1794.

Ch.: *Joel*, b. Sept. 10, 1759; m. Molly Cobb.—*Abigail*, b. Aug. 27, 1761.—*Jonathan*, b. Oct. 30, 1762; "taken away by a sudden death," Feb. 18, 1777.—*Esther*, b. Oct. 9, 1764; m., 1784, Samuel Farr (1), *Third*; d. Dec. 24, 1847.—*Ruth*, b. Sept. 3, 1766; m. Amos Jordan (2).—*Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 17, 1768.—*Joseph*, b. Feb. 17, 1770.—*Samuel*, b. Mar. 21, 1772.—*Ebenezer*, b. Feb. 27, 1774.—*Jemima*, b. Apr. 22, 1776; d. a. 2 days.

STREETER.

1. ENOCH STREETER, was probably in Chfd. in 1775. His wife's name is not known. He had a son, *Otis*, b. Mar. 11, 1775, and probably another, *Enoch* (2), older than *Otis*.
2. ENOCH, supposed son of Enoch (1), m., 1785, Esther, dau. of Wm. Randall (1). He probably rem. from the town before 1800. Four ch. were recorded: *Randall*, b. Sept. 28, 1785; *Mary*, b. June 5, 1787; *Arnold*, b. Dec. 25, 1788; *Whipple*, b. Jan., 1791.

STREETER, JOSIAH, 1770—'87; NAPHTHALI, 1770—; JONATHAN, —1788; JOHNSON, 1785—'95; AMOS, 1776—'90; BARZILLAI, 1790—'91; NEHEMIAH, m., 1785, Cynthia, dau. of Warren SNOW (2); JESSE, m., 1797, Noma Streeter.

STREETER.

1. STEPHEN STREETER, b. 1752 or '53, came from Oxford, Mass., and settled in Chfd., in 1781 or '82. He rem. to Wmd. about 1792, but returned to Chfd. in a few years and settled on Streeter hill. His wife was Sarah Chamberlain, niece of Ithamar Chamberlain (1), and who d. Mar. 28, 1847, a. 87. He was a shoemaker by trade, and was noted for his retentive memory and gift of composing poetry. He d. Mar. 11, 1845, a. 92.

Ch.: *Asahel*, b. Oct. 5, 1779; m. Polly Martin, of Walpole; d. in Lowell, Mass., July, 1865.—*Ezra* (2), b. Jan. 16, 1781.—*Stephen*, b. Dec. 7, 1782; unm. Like his father, he had a remarkably retentive memory, and was locally celebrated as a poet, his songs, epigrams, and longer poems (both comic and sentimental) being very popular with his fellow-townsmen. A few specimens of these have been given in another place. (See p. 195.) He d. May 22, 1864.—*Alice*, b. Sept. 5, 1784; m., 1807, Samuel Estabrooks (2); d. June 28, 1849.—*Darius*, b. June 25, 1786; m. Cynthia Boynton, of Springfield, Vt.; d. in Kellyvale (?), Vt., June 11, 1856.—*Annas*, b. Apr. 5, 1789; m., 1st, 1806, Benoni Streeter (q. v.); 2d, 1837, Chas. F. Daniels (2); d. Apr. 3, 1870.—*Luther*, b. Jan. 27, 1791; m. Mrs. Mary Ann Walker, d. Oct. 2, 1876, a. 60. Resided

in Chfd. He d. Jan. 22, 1872. Had 2 ch.: Augustus L., b. Aug. 25, 1845; Emma Ann, m., May 31, 1868, David H. Tolman.

2. EZRA, son of Stephen (1), m., 1st, 1800, Abigail, dau. of Benj. Streeter (2); 2d, Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander. He d. in Brome, P. Q., June 6, 1844.

Ch.: *Edith*, b. Apr. 6, 1801; m. Chas. Kiser.—*Thaddeus*, b. Mar. 31, 1803; m. Rita French; d. in Chfd., Apr. 12, 1853.—*Ezra*, b. Feb. 11, 1805; m., 1st, Sarah A. Cobb; 2d, Harriet Lincoln.—*Hannah*, b. Aug. 7, 1807.—*Sally*, b. Mar. 23, 1809; m. Daniel Burnham, of Wmd.; d. Mar. 15, 1878.—*Holland*, b. Jan. 10, 1811; m. Caroline Osgood.—*Polly*, b. Jan. 5, 1813; m., 1st, Harlon Simmons; 2d, Barton Howe (2); d. Oct. 19, 1873.—*Nelson*, b. Feb. 22, 1815; m. Ann Minot.—*Warren*, b. Apr. 13, 1817; m. Almira Hildreth.—*Ferusha*, b. Jan. 13, 1819; m., June 8, 1841, Jotham Paine, of Wmd.; d. June 20, 1861.—*Maria*, b. Mar. 12, 1821.—*Abigail*, b. Feb. 28, 1824; m. Ora Blodgett (4); d. ———.—(By 2d marriage) *Stephen*, b. Mar. 17, 1837; m. Ellen H. Coolidge, of Swzy. Res. in Wmd.—*Chastina*, b. Dec. 17, 1840; m. Abram Alexander, of St. Albans, Vt.—*Charlotte*, b. Feb. 8, 1845; m. Elmer T. Woodward, of Marlboro'.

STREETER, WILLIAM, was in Chfd. in 1785. His wife was Hannah ———. His name disappears about 1800. Five ch. were recorded: *Lucina*, b. Oct. 16, 1785, and m., 1801, Levi, son of Zerubbabel Snow (3); *Naham*, b. Sept. 15, 1787; *Philadelphia*, b. Sept. 23, 1789; *Orpha*, b. Oct. 9, 1791; *Hannah*, b. Feb. 15, 1794.

STREETER, BENONI, son of Eleazer and Lydia (Braley) Streeter, m., 1806, Annas, dau. of Stephen Streeter (1), and who d. Apr. 3, 1870. He may have d. in Boston.

Ch.: *Lydia A.*, b. May 26, 1807; m., 1833, Nehemiah C., son of Nehemiah Andrews (1); d. Aug. 23, 1871.—*Urania M.*, b. Oct. 1, 1809; m., 1837, Prescott W. Gilson (3).

STRONG, CHARLES L., b. in Amherst, Mass., Aug. 19, 1809, m., Jan., 1843, Prusha, dau. of Ashbel Wheeler (5). He was a

graduate of Amherst College, and a teacher by profession. For several years he was preceptor of the Chesterfield Academy. (See p. 135.) He d. in Chfd., Aug. 2, 1847. Had no ch.

SYMONDS, NATHAN R., son of Thomas and Lydia (Pratt) Symonds, of Rindge, b. July 6, 1807, m., 1831, Eliza, dau. of Shadrach Herrick (1), and who d. Mar. 2, 1881. Has resided in Chfd. since 1836 or '37. Mechanic at Factory Village.

Ch.: *Thirza E. Herrick* (wife's daughter), b. Dec. 25, 1826; m. Chas. Chase, of Wmd.—*Amelia A.*, b. in Rindge, Feb. 17, 1833; unm.—*Charles T.* b. in Keene, Feb. 21, 1835; d. at Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 16, 1871.—*Ann F.*, b. June 14, 1847; d. the 23d of the same month.

TAYLOR.

1. JONATHAN TAYLOR, b. Jan. 17, 1779, came from Boxboro', Mass., in 1805 or '06, and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Jonathan W. He m. Lucy Whitcomb, b. June 30, 1781, and d. June 26, 1864. He d. Dec. 19, 1839.

Ch.: *Lucy W.*, b. July 31, 1803; m., 1829, Gibson Willard.—*Harriet*, b. Sept. 5, 1805; m., 1823, Elisha Hill (q. v.); d. Aug. 13, 1876.—*Betsey*, b. Dec. 18, 1809; d. Nov. 18, 1814.—*Caroline*, b. Feb. 7, 1813; d. May 7, 1814.—*Jonathan*, b. Mar. 19, 1814; d. Aug. 13, 1818.—*Mehitabel*, b. June 13, 1817; m. Charles Wilson.—*Jonathan Whitcomb* (2), b. Dec. 29, 1819.

2. JONATHAN W., son of Jonathan (1), m., Nov. 30, 1843, Mary, dau. of Seth Leonard, of Wmd. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Charles W.*, b. Oct. 16, 1848; m., Jan. 28, 1874, Emma A., dau. of Marshall B. Shaw (q. v.) Has 2 ch.: *Josie Emma*, b. Feb. 1, 1875; *Leon Charles*, b. Aug. 7, 1877.—*Alston W.*, b. Aug. 9, 1850.

TENNEY, DANIEL, 1787—about 1800. His wife was Rebecca ———, and he had a child, probably *Josiah*, b. May 30, 1791.

THOMAS, WILLIAM, came to Chfd. with his father-in-law, Moses Smith (1), in November, 1761, and settled near what is now the lower ferry. (See pp. 36, 37.) He may have come from

Greenwich, or vicinity, Mass. His wife was Mary, dau. of Moses Smith (1), and who d. Feb. 4, 1813, in her 77th year. Soldier in 1777. He d. Feb. 3, 1812, in his 78th year.

Ch.: *Mary* (the first Anglo-American child born in town), b. Apr. 25, 1762; m. Lemuel, son of David Stoddard (1).—*Elizabeth*, b. Apr. 15, 1764.—*Calvin*, b. Dec. 21, 1765. He was a physician in Tyngsboro', Mass., where he d.—*Lucy*, b. Dec. 22, 1767.—*Archibald*, d. 1773.—*Benjamin*, d. 1773.—*Archibald*, d. 1775.—*Sally*, b. Oct. 9, 1776; m., 1799, Benaiah Norcross (2); d. in Wis., Oct., 1873.—*Phene*, b. May 24, 1779; m. 1st, Josiah Colony, of Chfd.; 2d, John Wilder, of Brat.; d. in Gill, Mass.—*Clarissa*, b. Mar. 19, 1782; m., 1802, Binea Norcross (3); d. in Chfd., May 30, 1877.

THOMAS.

1. NATHAN THOMAS, probably from Greenwich, or vicinity, Mass., purchased in Chfd., Dec. 25, 1764, lots Nos. 3 and 4, in the 16th range. He settled near the river, where his great-grandson, Amos F. Thomas, now lives. His wife was Hephzibah Farr, d. Jan. 22, 1815, in her 88th year. Soldier (perhaps) 1776. He d. June 27, 1790, in his 71st year.

Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Polly*, m. John Town.—*Patience*, m. Abel Stockwell (1).—*Hephzibah*, m. Moses Barrett.—*Betsey*, m. Wm. Thomas.—*Sally*, m. Wm. Burnham.—*Nathan*, settled in Hins.—*William*.—*Israel*.—*Daniel*, b. Feb. 28, 1763.—*Amos* (2) and *Aaron*, b. Oct. 10, 1765. Aaron d. a. 7 months.—*Abigail*, b. Mar. 14, 1768; m. Solomon Stancliff.—*Lydia*, b. July 14, 1770; m. Zephaniah Leach.

2. AMOS, son of Nathan (1), m., 1785, Mary, probably dau. of Noah Emmons (q. v.), and who d. June 19, 1848, a. 88. Resided in Chfd., on the paternal farm. He d. Dec. 11, 1847.

Ch.: *Susan*, b. Oct. 17, 1785; m. Samuel Preston.—*Aaron* (3), b. June 10, 1787.—*Lydia*, b. Nov. 21, 1789; m. Eleazer, son of Edmond Farnsworth (1).—*Amos*, b. Nov. 28, 1791; m. Nabby Chamberlain.—*Ichabod*, b. May 22, 1795; m. Sally Stone.—*Daniel*, b. Mar. 8, 1797; m. Lois Stancliff.—*Patience*, b. May 23, 1799; m. 1st, 1818, Erastus Wright, of Dum.; 2d, John Bemis.—*Enos*, b. June 16, 1801; m., 1825, Patty, adopted dau. of David Stoddard (2). Res. at present in Newfane, Vt.

3. AARON, son of Amos (2), m. 1st, Betsey Chamberlain, d. Sept. 14, 1815; 2d, 1819, Grata, dau. of Jonathan Cressey (4). He resided in Chfd., on the old homestead. He d. Mar. 3, 1871.

Ch.: *Enos*, b. Aug. 6, 1812; m. Rachel A. Thayer; d. in Worcester, Mass., Apr. 23, 1875.—*Lockhart*, b. Mar. 12, 1815; unm. Res. in Chfd.—*Elizabeth C.*, b. Oct. 2, 1820; m., 1846, John Haywood, of Lunenburg, Mass. Res. in Brat.—*Orison*, b. Aug. 2, 1822; m. Isabel Hooker. Res. in Sauk Co., Wis.—*Israel*, b. July 5, 1824; unm.; d. Jan. 4, 1863.—*Chester W.*, b. Apr. 25, 1826; m. 1st, Amanda M. Walker, d. Jan. 27, 1879; 2d, 1881, Widow Abby Simonds. Res. in Brat.—*Albert F.*, b. May 28, 1828; m. Mary J. Hubbard, d. Mar. 13, 1859. He d. in Chfd., Jan. 11, 1862.—*Emerson B.*, b. June 1, 1830; m. Emily J. Harrison. He was a soldier in the Union army, and d. at New Orleans, June 20, 1863.—*Amos F.*, b. Jan. 23, 1833; m., Aug. 22, 1858, Julia A. E., dau. of Richard and Julia Ann (Emerson) Foster, of Brat. Res. in Chfd., on the ancestral farm. Has one son, Walter H., b. Sept. 16, 1861.—*D. Webster*, b. July 6, 1840; m. Persis P. Kellogg. Res. in Hartford, Conn.

THOMAS, AARON, from Greenwich, Mass., is said to have been a relative (perhaps nephew) of Nathan Thomas (1). He m. in Chfd., 1785, Lois, dau. of Noah Emmons (q. v.) His name is not found after 1796. Three ch. were recorded: *Lucy*, b. June 15, 1786; *Sarah*, b. Feb. 18, 1788; *Terzey*, b. Aug. 4, 1791.

THOMPSON.

2. SILAS THOMPSON, of Dunstable, Mass., brother of Asa Thompson (3), purchased in Chfd., Mar. 12, 1766, lot No. 12, in the 13th range, and probably settled on the same soon after. This lot formed part, at least, of the farm which he sold in 1777 to Peter Stone, Sen. After selling this farm, he lived on the one now owned by Henry J. Dunham. He took a prominent part in the affairs of the town and the church, being one of the deacons of the latter. Together with Col. Samuel King, he represented the town, after its union with Vermont, in the Assembly of that State. (See p. 67.) In 1770, he was selectman,

and in 1776, coroner for Cheshire county. His wife was Abigail Bancroft, d. Mar. 28, 1818, a. 78. He d. Apr. 25, 1806, in his 72d year.

Ch.: *Anna*, b. May 26, 1756; m. Philip Barrett, of Hins.; d. May 19, 1784.—*Silas*, b. Apr. 1, 1758; d. July 11, 1764.—*Abigail*, b. June 15, 1760; m. Joseph Howe, of N. Y. State; d. Feb. 4, 1800.—*Sarah*, b. Sept. 6, 1762; m. Chas. Carpenter, of Surry; d. Nov. 15, 1849.—*Rebecca*, b. Jan. 13, 1765; m. John Kendall, of Vt.; d. Nov. 25, 1819.—*Josiah*, b. June 18, 1767; m. Esther Gates. Rem. to N. Y. State about 1794. Had one ch. born in Chfd., Esther, b. May 8, 1793.—*Mary*, b. Mar. 21, 1769; m. Aaron Carpenter. Resided in Concord, Vt., where she d. May 1, 1854.—*James* (4), b. Mar. 21, 1771.—*Silas* (5), b. Feb. 14, 1773.—*Elizabeth*, b. May 4, 1775; m. Reuben Andrews. Resided in N. Y. State.—*Judith*, b. June 4, 1777; m., 1800, John Pierce (3); d. Nov. 14, 1860.—*Ruth*, b. July 26, 1779; m. Chas. Hunt, of N. Y. State; d. Mar. 16, 1847.—*Samuel* (6), b. Dec. 4, 1781.—*Timothy*, b. Nov. 17, 1784; m. Esther Phillips. Resided at Antwerp, N. Y. He d. Aug. 14, 1864.

4. JAMES, son of Silas (2), m., 1794, Margaret, dau. of Wm. Robertson (3), and soon rem. to Herkimer Co., N. Y. In 1800, he settled in Champion, the same State, where he d. Dec. 25, 1858. Margaret d. Apr. 23, 1846.

Ch.: *Lucinda*, b. Mar. 7, 1796; m. Leonard Harris; d. Aug. 12, 1830.—*Polly*, b. Oct. 4, 1797; m. Chas. Woodward; d. Aug. 20, 1856.—*Erastus*, b. Oct. 31, 1801; m. 1st, Harriet Sischo; 2d, Ann Banister; d. June 21, 1874.—*Truman*, b. Dec. 19, 1804; d. Mar. 24, 1867.—*Sheloma*, b. June 24, 1807; m. Asa B. Carter.—*Abigail*, b. May 21, 1810; m. Chauncey Colburn.—*Silas*, b. July 9, 1812; m. Clarissa Colburn. Res. at Fond du Lac, Wis.

5. SILAS, son of Silas (2), m. 1st, Katy Carr; 2d, Nancy Jackson. Resided in Salisbury, N. Y.

Ch.: *Catharine*, m. Hamilton Rice.—*Sarah*, m. Wm. Sherwood.—*William* J., m. Elizabeth Ford, and res. in Salisbury.—*Mary*, m. Reuben Neely, of Fairfield, N. Y.

6. SAMUEL, son of Silas (2), m. Esther, dau. of John Pierce (1), and who d. Mar. 13, 1873. Resided in Chfd., on the paternal farm. He d. Nov. 11, 1851.

Ch.: *Diantha*, b. Jan. 25, 1812; m., 1837, George, son of Samuel Chamberlain (2).—*Elmira*, b. Sept. 29, 1813; m., 1841, Samuel Chamberlain (8); d. Aug. 28, 1844.—*Silas* (7), b. Mar. 6, 1815.—*Larkin*, b. Mar. 22, 1817; unm. He was accidentally killed in Chfd., while felling trees, Nov. 3, 1854.—*Lucy M.*, b. Nov. 20, 1819; unm.; d. Feb. 27, 1853.—*Fane E.*, b. May 17, 1826; unm. Res. in Chfd.

7. SILAS, son of Samuel (6), m. Elizabeth Tefft, of North Adams, Mass., d. Aug. 4, 1863. Res. in Chfd. Mechanic.

Ch.: *Sarah E.*, b. Dec. 24, 1845; d. July 16, 1847.—*Charles S.*, b. Apr. 25, 1848; m., Mar. 18, 1869, Jennie Smith. Has one ch., Lizzie L., b. Apr., 1870.

3. ASA THOMPSON, of Dunstable, Mass., brother of Silas Thompson (2), purchased in Chfd., Mar. 10, 1767, lots Nos. 13 and 14, in the 12th range, and the western half of lot No. 14, in the 11th range. He probably never lived in this town himself, but divided the land he had bought here between his sons *Asa* (8) and *Simon*, when they had attained their majority. Simon lived in Chfd. but a few years.

8. ASA, son of Asa (3), m. Betsey Darrah, d. July 25, 1844, a. 67. He settled on the farm given him by his father, and lived where Alanson Chamberlain now res. He was a deacon in the Baptist church. He d. July 17, 1834, in his 56th year.

Ch.: *William Q.* (9).—*Eliza Ann*, m., 1831, Alanson Chamberlain (6); d. Jan. 4, 1839, in her 32d year.—*Charles*, d. unm.

9. WILLIAM Q., son of Asa (8), m., 1825, Lucy, dau. of Benaiah Norcross (2), and who d. Sept. 21, 1829. He d. in Chfd., Aug. 8, 1829, in his 27th year.

Ch.: *Romanzo W.* (10), b. Dec. 2, 1827.

10. ROMANZO W., son of Wm. Q. (9), m., 1850, Persis M., dau. of Moses Dudley (1). Res. at present in Chelsea, Mass.

Ch.: *Fennie E.*, b. Apr. 12, 1852; m., July 4, 1868, Edgar, son of Geo. Davenport (4).—*Nellie*, b. June 13, 1860.

TITUS.

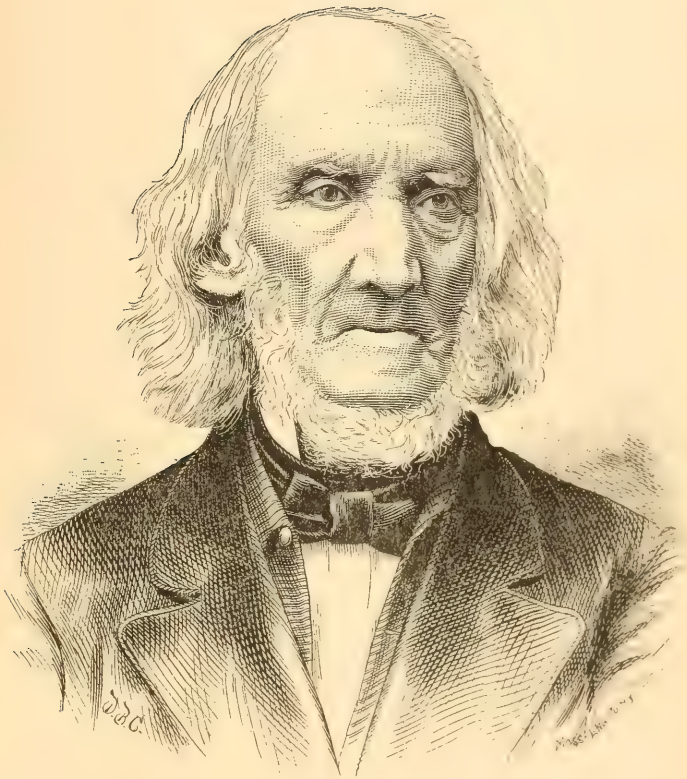
Robert Titus, with his wife Hannah, and two sons, John and Edmond, came from near Stanstead Abbey, Hertfordshire, Eng., in 1635, and resided at first in the present town of Brookline, near Boston, Mass. The family afterwards rem. to Weymouth, and thence to Rehoboth, where John settled permanently. The rest of the family, however, finally settled on Long Island. John had a son Joseph, who also had a son Joseph. This latter Joseph was the father of the Joseph (b. 1750 or '51) who settled in Chfd.

1. JOSEPH TITUS, son of Joseph, of Sutton, Mass., and a descendant of Robert Titus, the immigrant, m. Mary Bigelow, of Douglass, Mass., in which town he lived for a few years after his marriage. Apr. 21, 1777, he purchased in Chfd. the western half of lot No. 7, in the 13th range. He built his house high up on the hill south of Catsbane brook, and in sight of the "old meeting-house," situated at the Centre Village, about 2 miles to the eastward. In this sightly place he continued to live till the time of his death, which occurred Apr. 10, 1813, in his 63d year. His wife d. May 7, 1845, in her 96th year.

Ch.: *Lucy*, b. in Douglass; d. in Chfd., 1778.—*Lydia*, b. in Douglass; d. 1778.—*Joseph*, b. in Douglass; d. 1787.—*Martin* (2), b. in Chfd., Feb. 11, 1779.—*Mary*, b. Oct. 25, 1780; m., 1813, Dea. Calvin Barrett, of Brookline, Vt., where she d. at a great age.—*Demmis*, b. Dec. 13, 1782; m. 1st, Edward Hall (q. v.); 2d, Capt. Samuel Titus, of Vernon, Vt.; 3d, Rufus Elmer, of the same town.—*Isaac*, b. Oct. 1, 1784; m., 1804, Eupice Willard. Settled in Vernon.—*Samuel*, b. May 12, 1786; m., 1807, Susanna Barrett. Rem. to Ill.—*Ama*, b. Oct. 22, 1787; m., 1806, Caleb, son of Charles Farr (5), and rem. to Malone, N. Y.—*Exra* (3), b. Jan. 15, 1789. [While Joseph and his wife lived in Douglass, a sister of the latter gave them her dau., named Hannah Parker. Hannah lived with them till she m., in 1792, Moses, son of Michael Cressey (2). She d. in Marlboro', Vt.]

2. MARTIN, son of Joseph (1), m., 1824, Clarissa Prouty, d. June 8, 1846, a. 54. Resided in Chfd. Shoemaker. He d. June 19, 1840.

Ch.: *Joseph Willard*, b. Jan. 3, 1825; m., May 1, 1860, Elvira C., dau. of Daniel L. Harvey (7). Res. in Wincr.



Enra Titus.

Has one dau., Alice M., b. Mar. 16, 1861.—*Mary Augusta*, b. May 19, 1826; m. Homer Dow, of Methuen, Mass.—*Laura S.*, b. Nov. 10, 1827; d. Feb. 2, 1854, unm.—*Helen M.*, b. Nov. 10, 1829; d. July 20, 1848, unm.—*Wm. Chandler*, b. Mar. 9, 1832; m. Clara Hartwell, of Hubbardston, Mass., where he resided a while. He d. Apr. 21, 1867, leaving 3 ch.: Nellie, Henry, Cora.—*Eliza J.*, b. Aug. 10, 1834; m. Asa Kimball, of Methuen, Mass. Res. in Lawrence, Mass.

3. EZRA, son of Joseph (1), m., 1820, Electa, dau. of John Kneeland (q. v.), and who d. Feb. 26, 1869. Being of a studious turn of mind, and fond of mathematical studies, he is said to have applied himself so assiduously to these in his early years as to have seriously over-tasked his brain—a circumstance which caused him to change his course of life. He nevertheless followed school-teaching to a considerable extent, and acquired the reputation of being one of the best teachers of his time. After his marriage he also engaged in farming in Chfd., and for a while held a colonel's commission in the N. H. militia. Selectman 1836, '47. He d. Mar. 25, 1869.

Ch.: *Elvira E.*, b. Apr. 21, 1821; d. Apr. 1, 1841, unm.—*Ezra B.*, b. Jan. 20, 1823; d. Feb. 24, 1823.—*Alfred W.*, b. Feb. 7, 1824; m. Lucina Knapp, of Wilmington, Vt., where he res. Has had 4 ch.: Emma A., b. Nov. 4, 1855; Alfred K. and Alice L. (twins, now dead), b. Jan. 28, 1857; Villa E., b. Sept. 9, 1865.—*Arvilla E.*, b. Mar. 3, 1826; m. Francis Makepeace. Res. in Worcester, Mass.—*Marion M.*, b. Apr. 3, 1828; d. Dec. 29, 1841.—*John O.*, b. Aug. 1, 1830; d. Sept. 3, 1837.—*Herbert B.* (4), b. Dec. 11, 1833; unm.—*Adele E.*, b. Oct. 8, 1835; m., Dec. 31, 1857, Geo. R. Marble, then of Wincr., now of E. Boston, Mass.; d. Apr. 5, 1882.—*Eleanor M.*, b. May 27, 1838; d. May 27, 1841.

4. HERBERT B., son of Ezra (3), was a resident of Chesterfield when the Civil War commenced, and was holding the office of commissioner of common schools for Cheshire county. He was one of the first to respond to the call of the Federal Government for troops. June 4, 1861, he was commissioned second-lieutenant of Company A, 2d Regt. N. H. Volunteers.

and, after successive promotions, attained to the rank of brigadier-general by brevet. (See p. 123.) The wound which he received at Antietam was a severe one, the bullet entering the right shoulder in front, and being extracted beneath the shoulder-blade. He was shot while using a rifle himself, and was disabled by the wound for about five months.

Since the close of the war Gen. Titus has resided much of the time in Washington, D. C., and in N. Y. City, as special agent of the United States, in which capacity he has traveled extensively in this country, and, to some extent, in Europe. He is also a member of the firm of "Hovey and Titus, Attorneys and Counsellors at Law," in Washington. For some time he has also been engaged in mining and dredging, with headquarters in N. Y. City.

TOMBS, JOSIAH, settled in Chfd. about 1795. His house stood on the bank of the Connecticut river, near what is now called "Tombs' Hole." His wife was Lois, dau. of Eleazer Jordan (1). He d. probably about 1822.

Ch.: (So far as known, but order uncertain) *Lyman, Polly, Lois, Josiah, Lewis, Norris, Danforth.*

TORREY.

1. **JOSIAH TORREY**, b. Oct. 7, 1758, was in Chfd. in 1785, having come from Upton, Mass. He settled in the eastern part of the town, on the farm afterwards owned and occupied by his grandson, Levi Torrey, and now occupied by the latter's widow. He m. 1st, 1781, Lydia Fisk, b. Jan. 15, 1763, and d. in 1806; 2d, 1807, Anna, dau. of Israel and Anna Amsbry, of Wmd. He d. Jan. 25, 1832.

Ch.: *Samuel* (2), b. Aug. 12, 1782.—*Joel*, b. Aug. 31, 1785; m., 1811, Edee Howard.—*Anna*, b. Nov. 19, 1787.—*Levi*, b. Oct. 28, 1789.—*Femima*, b. Oct. 25, 1792; m., 1812, John Howard.—*Polly (Mary)*, b. Sept. 21, 1794.—*Nathaniel*, b. Sept. 26, 1796 (or '97); d. 1799.—*Fanny*, b. Feb. 15, 1803.

2. **SAMUEL**, son of Josiah (1), m., Nov. 21, 1815, Mary Cook, b. Aug. 28, 1785, and d. Jan. 1, 1869. He d. Apr. 8, 1853.

Ch.: *Maria*, b. June 24, 1817; m. Levi Adams, of Keene, where she res.—*Levi* (3), b. Mar. 2, 1820.—*Lucius*, b. Oct.



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25, 1821; unm.; d. in Wmd.—*Mary M.*, b. Nov. 16, 1823; unm.; d. in Wmd.—*Marshall*, b. Dec. 5, 1825; unm.; res. in Keene.—*Lucretia*, b. Dec. 25, 1826; unm.; res. in Keene.—*Elvira*, b. Mar. 1, 1829; m. David Richardson, of Keene, and rem. to Indiana, where she d.

3. LEVI, son of Samuel (2), m., May 3, 1847, Polly, dau. of Squire Spaulding (1). Resided in Chfd. He d. Apr. 22, 1864.

Ch.: *Mary M.*, b. Jan. 26, 1848.—*Lucius L.*, b. May 1, 1853.—*Frank W.*, b. Nov. 5, 1856.

TYLER.

1. JOSHUA TYLER, physician, came from Brookfield, Mass., and settled in Chfd. probably between 1776 and '81. He located at the Centre Village, where he built the large house in which his son, Rolston G., afterwards lived many years, and which was purchased a few years ago by Lawyer C. C. Webster, of Keene, and is now occupied by Sewall F. Rugg. His wife was Judith Ayres, d. in Chfd., Aug. 11, 1854, a. 91. He d. June 11, 1807, a. 49. [A sister, Molly-Tyler, m. Samuel Hamilton (1). She d. Dec. 16, 1842, a. 90.]

Ch.: *Joshua* (2), b. Aug. 16, 1781.—*Judith*, b. Dec. 4, 1782; m. Dan Davis; d. at Burlington, Vt., Mar. 12, 1843.—*Fason* (3), b. Jan. 21, 1784.—*Ayres*, b. Sept. 15, 1785; d. 1787.—*Patty*, b. Jan. 14, 1787; m., 1808, Joshua Kelley.—*Anna*, b. Sept. 8, 1789; d. Apr. 14, 1868.—*Betsey*, b. Aug. 29, 1791; m. 1st, ——— King; 2d, ——— Atwood; 3d, ——— Comings; d. 1871.—*Buckley O.*, b. May 13, 1793; d. 1794.—*J. Warren*, (4), b. Dec. 9, 1795.—*Buckley O.*, b. Feb. 13, 1797. He was a physician, and practised at Windsor, Thetford and Montpelier, Vt.—*Fanna*, b. Sept. 14, 1799; unm.; d. in Chfd. about 1837.—*Royal*, b. Jan. 21, 1801; d. 1803.—*Rolston*, b. Aug. 14, 1804; d. in infancy.—*Rolston G.* (5), b. Aug. 7, 1805.

2. JOSHUA, son of Joshua (1), m. 1st, Lydia, dau. of Wm. Farr (2), and who d. Jan. 13, 1805; 2d, 1810, Lois, dau. of Philip

Bacon (2). Soon after his second marriage he rem. from Chfd., and, after having lived in several different places, finally settled in Clara, Potter Co., Pa., where he d. a. 77.

Ch.: *Dwight* (6), b. Jan. 13, 1805.—(By 2d marriage) *Joshua*, m. 3 times; res. in Murphysboro, Jackson Co., Ill.—*Elizabeth*, m. ———; d. at Millport, Potter Co., Pa.—*Rollin C.*, res. in Kan.—*Laura*, m. Isaac Barnes, in Millport, Pa., where she d.—*George*, m. ——— Brindle; settled in Oswayo, Potter Co., Pa.—*Louisa*, m. (after her sister Laura's death) Isaac Barnes, of Millport, Pa.—*James M.*, m. Belinda B. Heselton, of Independence, N. Y.; res. in Clara, Pa.—*Charles F.*, m. Eliza Loder; res. in Hebron, Potter Co., Pa.

6. DWIGHT, son of Joshua (2), m., Dec. 30, 1832, Mary V. Fisk. Res. at South Londonderry, Vt. He has been clerk of the town of Londonderry for upwards of 31 years in succession.

Ch.: *George D.*, d. a. 12 years.—*Harland D.*, m. Miss O. R. Whitman; res. at South Londonderry.

3. JASON, son of Joshua (1), m., 1803, Thirzy, dau. of Col. Samuel King (2). He settled at the Centre Village, where he resided many years. "By the year 1828," says one of his sons, "the family of children had become too numerous to be contained in the little cottage, and the older ones began to strike out for themselves. Ambition led them away to seek fame and fortune; affection would bring them back to share the proceeds of their success." In 1831 or '32, he rem. to Swzy., and thence to Keene, where he d. Mar. 10, 1843. His wife Thirzy d. in Wincr., Aug. 17, 1851.

Ch.: *Harriet B.*, b. Nov. 13, 1803; m. Joseph Dyar, of Middlebury, Vt. Is now a widow, and res. in Fitzwilliam.—*Lydia F.*, b. Aug. 29, 1805; unm.; d. in Wincr., Apr. 25, 1875.—*Malinda Z. W.*, b. July 23, 1807; m. Martin Perry, of Swzy.; d. Oct. 19, 1865.—*Samuel King* (7), b. Nov. 3, 1810.—*Mary N. M.*, b. Feb. 2, 1812; m. Raymond Stratton, of Rindge. Is now a widow, and res. at Harmar, O.—*Fane B.*, b. July 3, 1814; m. Lemuel Wheeler, of Troy; d. in Harmar, Sept. 11, 1874.—*Larkin W.*, b. Jan. 26, 1816; d. 1824.—*Albert O.*, b. Feb. 20, 1819; m. Emily Murdock, of Winchendon, Mass. In 1846, he rem. to Cincinnati, O., where he



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became a successful merchant. The U. S. gunboat, "A. O. Tyler," (which was formerly a merchant-vessel) was named in honor of him. He d. at Winchendon, while on a visit, Aug. 16, 1877.—*Sarah C.*, b. Oct. 22, 1821; m. Chas. C. Carter, of Fitzwilliam, where she res. She is the author of several meritorious literary productions.—*Elizabeth H. C.*, b. Nov. 25, 1823; m. Daniel Collier, of Cincinnati, where she res.—*John L.* (8), b. June 17, 1826.—*Dana A.*, b. Dec. 13, 1828; d. Sept. 11, 1830.

7. SAMUEL K., son of Jason (3), m. Esther Sawyer, of Swzy. He d. at West Chester, O., where he was residing, Sept. 20, 1866.

Ch.: *Selleck K.*, b. in Jaffrey, May 27, 1843; m., Nov. 23, 1865, in Montgomery, O., Edna Crain.—*Dana L.*, b. in Keene, Sept. 1, 1845; m., Nov. 8, 1866, Elizabeth H. Whitlock. Res. at West Chester.—*Harriet S.*, b. in Fitzwilliam, July 24, 1849; m., Feb. 1, 1877, at West Chester, Z. T. Walker.

8. JOHN L., son of Jason (3), m. Adeline Howard, of Palmer, Mass. In 1845, he entered Norwich (Vt.) University; but, when the Mexican War broke out, he went into the army and followed Gen. Scott to the City of Mexico, where he had the honor of residing for a while in the National Palace, or "Halls of the Montezumas." During the War of the Rebellion he rendered valuable service as instructor in military camps. He has also been in command, as captain, of several noted military organizations. At present he is connected with the public schools of Fort Wayne, Ind., as teacher of special branches—writing, drawing, elocution and military tactics—which he has taught extensively for the past 25 years. Twenty years ago he was well known in Ohio and Indiana as the "Champion Penman," and still writes a hand that is the admiration of lovers of fine writing.

Ch.: *Julia A.*, b. in Springfield, Mass., Feb. 2, 1852; m., Dec. 28, 1870, John H. Mathis.—*M. Eugene*, b. in Harmar, O., July 18, 1854.—*Alliezuma*, b. in Columbus, O., June 12, 1857; m., Dec. 24, 1873, John B. Stroup.—*Fason K.*, b. in Dayton, O., Dec. 25, 1859.

4. J. WARREN, son of Joshua (1), m. Eleanor Thomas, b. Apr. 8, 1804. He d. in Hins., where he resided, Nov. 23, 1849.

Ch.: *Caroline D.*, b. May 10, 1824; m. Geo. W. Bowker; d. Mar. 4, 1868.—*Sophira S.*, b. Oct. 17, 1825; m. Geo. H. Ide; d. Aug., 1864.—*Pitts C.*, b. Mar. 17, 1827; m. Mary S. Ide. Res. in Athol, Mass.—*Elizabeth A.*, b. May 6, 1828; d. Sept. 6, 1829.—*Elizabeth A.*, b. June 17, 1830; m. Albert G. Moulton; d. Feb., 1877.—*Charlotte B.*, b. Oct. 17, 1832; m. Albert W. Kendall; d. May, 1856.—*Olcutt B.*, b. June 15, 1835.—*Joseph W.*, b. Mar. 6, 1836; d. June 15, the same year.—*Fanny S.*, b. June 12, 1837; d. Feb. 19, 1839.—*Charles H.*, b. Dec. 19, 1838; m. Linie S. Cook. Res. in Athol.—*Adaline P.*, b. Sept. 21, 1841; m. Chas. F. Dennison.—*Martha L.*, b. Apr. 5, 1843; m. Frank, son of John Stearns, of Hins.—*George W.*, b. Apr. 12, 1845; m. Julia Wood.

5. ROLSTON G., son of Joshua (1), m., 1837, Mary Dudley. He resided many years in Chfd., but now lives in Orange, Mass., whither he rem. about 1871.

Ch.: *Stella M.*, b. June 24, 1839; m., Feb. 2, 1862, J. P. Holton, of Gill, Mass.—*John*, b. Nov. 16, 1840; m., Oct. 20, 1873, Emma E. Chipman, of North Dana, Mass.

VICORY, JOHN, settled in Chfd. as early as 1767, in the western part of the town. His wife was Mary ———. His name disappears before 1787. Four ch. were recorded: *Merryfield*, b. Nov. 7, 1765; *Angevine*, b. June 4, 1767, and d. the same year; *Anson*, b. Sept. 18, 1768; *James*, b. Mar. 31, 1770.

VICORY (or VICKERY), BENJAMIN, 1795—about 1800; AMASA, 1799; LEWIS, 1800—'03.

VOREE, WILLIAM, m. Sally ———, and had a son, *William*, b. Mar. 25, 1793.

WALDO.

1. DANIEL WALDO, son of Shubael Waldo, b. Jan. 30, 1744, m. Hannah, sister of Capt. Kimball Carlton (q. v.), and who was b. 1747, and d. in Chfd., Dec. 2, 1825. He was one of the early settlers of Alstead, having rem. to that town from Toland, Conn. In 1802, he rem. from Alstead to Chfd., where he d. Dec. 18, 1825.

Ch.: *Eunice*, b. Aug. 20, 1769.—*Roswell*, b. Apr. 20, 1772.—*Diantha*, b. Mar. 13, 1775.—*Shubael* (2), b. May 2, 1777.—*Carlton*, b. Jan. 8, 1780.—*Hannah*, b. Oct. 8, 1782.—*Allen*, b. Jan. 29, 1784.—*Patty*, b. Aug. 17, 1786; m., 1806, Henry Worden (2); d. Nov. 18, 1829.

2. SHUBAEL, son of Daniel (1), m. 1st, Rebecca Crosby, d. May 10, 1823, a. 44; 2d, Widow Jane McColom, d. Apr. 20, 1863, a. 85. He settled in Chfd. in 1802, on the farm now owned and occupied by Murray Davis. He d. Oct. 5, 1857.

Ch.: *Daniel*, b. Jan. 6, 1802; m. 1st, 1831, Maria T., dau. of Dr. Oliver Baker (q. v.); 2d, Emily Fox. Res. in Meredosia, Morgan Co., Ill.—*Josiah Crosby* (3), b. Dec. 5, 1803.—*James E.*, b. July 11, 1805; m. 1st, Evelina Cobb; 2d, Araminta A. Fowle. Res. in New Orleans, La.—*George C.*, b. Aug. 5, 1808; d. in Meredosia, Ill., Mar. 15, 1837, unm.—*Albert C.*, b. Nov. 24, 1814; unm.—*Rosella M.*, b. Nov. 20, 1818; m. John Johnson, of Woburn, Mass.; d. June 8, 1845.

3. JOSIAH CROSBY, son of Shubael (2), m. 1st, Elmira R., dau. of Rev. Hosea Ballou, and who d. June 30, 1856; 2d, Widow Caroline Mark, of Boston.

Having made preparations to enter the ministry as a preacher of the doctrine of Universal Salvation, he first settled at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained about five years, during which time he established and edited "The Sentinel and Star." After a successful existence, under several different administrations, of more than 50 years, this paper was purchased, in 1880, by the Chicago Publishing Company, and united with "The New Covenant." Mr. Waldo's next settlement was in Lynn, Mass., where he remained six years, and where, when he went there, the Universalists had no organized church or society; but at the time he left that city, they had two prosperous societies and two good meeting-houses. On leaving Lynn, which he did on account of a severe bronchial trouble, he went to Woburn, Mass., where he remained several years, and then rem. to West Cambridge, the same State. Here he resided eight years, at the end of which time he went to Troy, N. Y., where he remained six years. From this city he rem. to New

London, Conn., where he has resided during the past 27 years, twelve of which he has been pastor of the Universalist society of that city.

Ch.: *Ella Fiducia Oliver*, b. in Lynn, Mass., May 10, 1835; d. in West Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 24, 1848.—*George Curtis*, b. in Lynn, Mar. 20, 1837; m. Miss Anna Frye, of New Orleans, La. He is now the working editor of the "Bridgeport (Conn.) Standard."—*Clementina Grace*, b. in Woburn, Mass., Sept. 22, 1838; unm.—*Frances Rebecca*, b. in Woburn, Aug. 7, 1840; d. in New London, Aug. 8, 1862.—*Maturin Ballou*, b. in West Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 20, 1843; m. Lucy Ann Armstrong, d. in 1869. He is engaged in railroad business with C. R. Cummings, the "western railroad-king."

WALKER.

1. SAMUEL WALKER, of Shirley, Mass., b. about 1752, purchased in Chfd., Nov. 5, 1774, lot No. 15, in the 7th range. He may have settled, at first, on this lot; but he afterwards lived on the farm now owned by Parker D. Cressey. His wife was Elizabeth ———. He d. after 1822.

Ch.: *Aija* (2), b. Aug. 20, 1778.—*Silva*, d. in infancy, 1782.—*Fimna*, b. Sept. 7, 1782; m. Sally Wood (or Woods); d. in Wmd., where he resided. Had 2 ch.: Elmina, m. 1st, ——— Lord, and 2d, Chandler A. Cressey; Caroline, m. ——— Brewster.—*Arza* (3), b. June 6, 1784.—*Betsa*, b. Oct. 28, 1786; m. ———, of Hanover.—*Phila*, b. Apr. 21, 1790; m., 1810, Ebenezer Robertson (7); d. Apr. 10, 1870.

2. AIIA, son of Samuel (1), m. Sally, dau. of Peter Wheeler (1), and who d. May 17, 1856. Resided in Chfd. He d. May 25, 1840.

Ch.: *Mary Priscilla*, m., 1821, Rufus Harvey (6); d. July 9, 1837, in her 33d year.—*Samuel Harry*, m., Dec. 30, 1830, Laura, dau. of John Pierce (3), and who d. Jan. 28, 1861; resided in Chfd. He d. Oct. 4, 1864, a. 57. Had one dau., Laura Cornelia, m. Almon White, of Newport.—*Sophia*, m., 1827, Abel Parks, of Hanover.—*Elizabeth*, m., 1837, Wm. F. Barnard (q. v.); d. Apr. 4, 1849, a. 35.—*John*, rem. to Illinois.

3. ARZA, son of Samuel (1), m., 1808, Lydia Baker, d. June 26, 1828, in her 40th year. Resided in Chfd. He d. May 17, 1828.

Ch.: *Sabrana S.*, b. Jan. 18, 1809; m., 1828, Wm. Haile (q. v.)—*Horton D.*, b. June 9, 1811; m. 1st, Susan Rugg, of Salem; 2d, Ellen M. Cleaves, of Portsmouth; 3d, Hannah Knowlton, of Portsmouth. He resided in Portsmouth many years, and was one of its most prominent citizens. He d. May, 1871.—*Lawson*, b. July 14, 1814; m. 1st, Mary Lovett, of Beverly, Mass.; 2d, Ellen Lovett, of the same town; 3d, Elizabeth Measurey, also of Beverly.—*Parker D.*, b. Aug. 26, 1816; m. Margaret James, of Salem, Mass.; d. May, 1873.—*Caroline B.*, b. May 3, 1818; m. John B. Merrill, of Hins.—*William P.*, b. Feb. 4, 1821; m. Anna Peal, of Salem, Mass.

WALTON.

1. LAWRENCE WALTON was in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Deborah ———, d. Jan. 4, 1799, in her 82d year. Feb. 10, 1781, he conveyed to his son Nathaniel a tract of land lying east of the Wheeler brook, the same being a part of house-lots Nos. 7 and 7, in the 10th and 11th ranges, respectively; which land Nathaniel was "to have and to hold after the death of his honored father." Lawrence d. Nov. 28, 1795, in his 78th year. The following ch. were mentioned in his will, made Aug. 13, 1781: *Elisha* (who was a soldier in 1775); *Nathaniel* (2); *Peru*; *Sarah*, (m. Aaron Cooper); *Lucretia*, (m., 1776, Daniel Farr (2), and d. Oct. 19, 1818, a. 71); *Margaret*, (m., 1777, John Huntley); *Deborah*, (m. Thomas Wood.) He had, also, a son, *Elijah*, who d. at the age of 18 years, probably before his will was made.
2. NATHANIEL, son of Lawrence (1), m. 1st, 1780, Mary, dau. of Eli Pattridge (1), and who d. July 11, 1796; 2d, 1800, Jemima, dau. of John Sanderson (1), and who d. Dec. 13, 1847, a. 87. He lived in the "New Boston" district, on the farm now owned and occupied by Chas. M. Davis. Was a blacksmith by trade, and noted for his great physical strength. (See p. 153.) He d. Apr. 25, 1817, in his 61st year.

Ch.: *Elijah* (3), b. Sept. 9, 1782.—*Azariah* (4), b. Aug. 26, 1784.—*Nathaniel* (5), b. Mar. 26, 1787.—*Polly*, b. June 15, 1791; m. Carley, son of Reuben Smith (7).—*Lovilla*, b. July 8, 1792; d. in infancy.—*Rachel*, d. in infancy.

3. ELIJAH, son of Nathaniel (2), m., 1805, Joanna, dau. of Shadrach Herrick (1), and who d. Jan. 25, 1864. Resided in Chfd. He d. Sept. 24, 1861.

Ch.: *David Stoddard* (6), b. June 21, 1806.—*Thirza L.*, b. June 6, 1808; m. 1st, Noyes Scott (4); 2d, 1843, Dr. Harvey Carpenter (q. v.); d. July 9, 1848.—*Lafrinda*, b. July 24, 1812; m., 1836, Olon B., son of Joseph Pattridge (4).—*Sophonria*, b. Dec. 10, 1816; d. Feb. 10, 1826.—*Lovell M.*, b. Aug. 17, 1819; m. Harriet Perham, of Tyngsboro', Mass.—*George P.*, b. June 27, 1821; m. Sarah O. Robbins, of Nashua, where he res.—*Caroline M.*, b. Feb. 10, 1826; m., 1847, Luke H. Gilson (4).

6. DAVID S., son of Elijah (3), m. 1st, Apr. 22, 1830, Elizabeth, dau. of Abel Eaton (1), and who d. Aug. 22, 1850, a. 41; 2d, Nov. 19, 1853, Catharine H. Brandt, of Darby, Penn. Stone-mason and farmer. He d. in Chfd., Mar. 11, 1882:

Ch.: *Mary E.*, b. Nov. 25, 1830; m., Apr. 24, 1855, Jude S. Sargeant (6).—*Ellen O.*, b. Apr. 9, 1832; m. Lorenzo Stebbins, of Hins.—*Sebette S.* b. May 25, 1834; unm.; d. Apr. 20, 1860.—*Sarah A.*, b. Apr. 14, 1836; d. Apr. 8, 1838.—*David S.*, b. Apr. 5, 1842; m., May 17, 1871, Mary Abbie Shove, of Beloit, Wis. Dealer in paper, flour-sacks, &c., in N. Y. City. Res. in Orange, N. J.—*Harriet A.*, b. Feb. 10, 1844; m. Proctor Roberts, of Boston.—*Martha Clementia*, b. Jan. 11, 1846; m., Apr. 9, 1873, P. Frank, son of Charles J. Amidon (3).

4. AZARIAH, son of Nathaniel (2), m., 1810, Mary, dau. of Samuel Gilson (1). He d. in Alexandria, N. Y.

Ch.: (First two b. in Swzy.) *George*, b. Apr. 7, 1811.—*Harriet*, b. Feb. 25, 1813.—*Charles*.—*Fohn*.—*Mary*.—*Lyman*. [The last four settled in Alexandria, N. Y.]

5. NATHANIEL, son of Nathaniel (2), m. Nabby Jones of Wilton, d. Nov. 23, 1878, in her 84th year. Resided in Chfd. Farmer.

Selectman 1822—'25, '27—'29, '34, '42—'44, '46; representative '44, '46. He d. Apr. 12, 1872.

Ch.: *Milo*, b. Oct. 24, 1813; m., June 1, 1842, Eliza L., dau. of Samuel Burt (2). He settled finally in Amity, Me., where he became a prominent citizen. Was extensively engaged in fruit-culture. He d. May 22, 1854.—*Femima*, b. Nov. 27, 1821; m. Otis Gibson; d. July 16, 1849. Had one dau., Samaria M. Gibson, b. May 21, 1846, and m., Jan. 1, 1867, Leroy S. Howe, now of Lyndon, Vt.—*Harriet M.*, b. Dec. 6, 1823; m. David L. Stoddard (12).—*Levi W.*, b. Oct. 30, 1829; d. on his way to California.

WARNER, MARTIN, settled in Chfd. probably before 1770. He m. 1st, Deborah ———; 2d, Mary ———. Selectman 1773, '74, '86. He rem. to Thetford, Vt., probably about 1800.

Ch.: *Caroline*, b. Sept. 7, 1760; m. Edmond Farnsworth (1).—*Patty*, b. Apr. 17, 1764.—*Eleazer*, b. Mar. 3, 1766; m. Eunice Kendall; d. in Gowanda, N. Y.—*Patience*, b. July 10, 1768.—*Phebe*, b. Oct. 13, 1770.—*Martin*, b. Oct. 22, 1772.—*Samuel*, b. Nov. 8, 1774.—*Seth*, b. Oct. 4, 1776.—(By 2d marriage) *Sally*, b. Apr. 30, 1786.—*Polly*, b. Mar. 10, 1788.—*Betsey*, b. Aug. 2, 1791.

WARREN, Capt. SAMUEL, d. in 1812, in his 83d year. His wife, ———, d. in 1807, in her 80th year.

WARREN, SUMNER, m., Sept. 30, 1841, Luther Willard, and resided in Chfd. from 1845 to '65. Tanner at Factory Village. Town-clerk 1845. Res. at present in Keene.

Ch.: *Lyman H.*, b. June 26, 1842. Captain in the U. S. Army. He d. at Houston, Texas, Sept. 18, 1867. (See p. 123.)—*George A.*, b. Mar. 8, 1845; d. Jan. 14, 1853.—*Rebecca D.*, b. Aug. 14, 1851; d. Jan. 23, 1853.—*Norman S.*, b. July 9, 1855.—*Frank E.*, b. Aug. 21, 1859.

WEBSTER, CHARLES C., b. in Salem, Mass., Nov. 27, 1810, m., Oct. 22, 1833, Lavernie, dau. of Joseph Clark (2). He was educated at Bradford Academy, Phillips Academy, (at Andover, Mass.), and Dartmouth College, graduating from the last named institution in 1830; read law in Salem, Mass., and

at the Cambridge Law School; was admitted to practice in Oct., 1833. From July, 1839, to Jan., 1846, he practised law in Chfd. He then rem. to Keene, where he has resided ever since. He has had six ch., only three of whom are now living, viz.: C. Fred, who was in the Union army during the whole of the Civil War, and is now a lawyer in Keene; Frances M., who m. the late Granville K. Harris; Sarah Elizabeth, who m. Sewall F. Rugg, now of Chfd.

WELCH, JOHN, m. Rebecca ———, and had sons, *Nathan* and *Charles* (twins), b. Feb. 8, 1779. His name disappears about 1790.

WETHERBEE.

1. JOAB WETHERBEE, b. in Lunenburg, Mass., Apr. 26, 1759, was in Chfd. in 1782. His wife was Abigail Houghton, b. in Leominster, Mass., Dec. 19, 1758, and d. in Chfd., Mar 12, 1846. He d. in Chfd., Apr. 4, 1843.

Ch.: *Abigail*, b. Aug. 15, 1781; m. Isaac Bunday, of Burke, Vt.; d. Mar., 1867.—*Joab*, b. Feb. 23, 1783.—*Abishai*, b. Apr. 12, 1787; m. Betsey, dau. of Wm. Reed (q. v.) Resided in Chfd. Selectman 1829, '30. He d. Dec. 22, 1869. Had 2 ch.: a dau., ———, and son, Albert R.—*Femima*, b. May 8, 1789; unm.; d. in Chfd., Feb. 21, 1846.—*Vashti*, b. Apr. 16, 1791; m. Geo. Buckman; d. Sept. 25, 1840.—*Mary*, m., 1815, Reuben Marsh (2); d. Feb. 10, 1859, a. 65.—*Lucy*, b. June 11, 1796; unm.; d. in Chfd., Sept. 9, 1875.—*Asahel* (2), b. May 6, 1801.—*Ira*, b. Feb. 13, 1804; d. Jan., 1850.

2. ASAHIEL, son of Joab (1), m., 1832, Diana, dau. of Solomon Willard (4). Resided in Chfd. Stone-mason. He d. in Genesee Co., N. Y., Aug. 29, 1838.

Ch.: *Charles W.*, b. Sept. 19, 1833.—*Ira A.*, b. July 23, 1835; res. in Cal.—*Asahel C.*, b. Oct. 12, 1837; res. in Bolton, Mass.

WETHERBEE, HEZEKIAH, 1787 (or before)—'92.

WETHERBEE, CALEB, 1804—'23. A dau., *Louisa*, m., 1817, Peter, son of Peter Albee (1).

WHEELER.

1. PETER WHEELER, b. probably about 1733, served seven years with Capt. Patch, of Littleton, Mass., as an apprentice to the trade of carpenter and joiner. He m. Olive Davis, and lived a while in Littleton. July 23, 1762, he purchased in Chfd. lot No. 9, in the 15th range; and Jan. 22, 1766, house-lots Nos. 1 and 2, in the 12th range. He settled where Russell H. Davis now lives, not far from the brook that bears his name. It is said that he helped build the "old meeting-house," and that he took an active part in promoting the welfare of the new town. He appears to have d. about 1814.

Ch.: *Lydia*, b. Sept. 8, 1760; m., about 1789, Moses Johnson (q. v.); d. in Putney, Vt., Apr. 16, 1816.—*Peter* (2), b. 1762.—*Fane*, unm.; d. May 26, 1790, in her 27th year.—*Fohn*, m. 1st, Salome Killicut; 2d, Widow Persis Newton, of Newfane, Vt.; d. in Stratton, Vt.—*Ephraim*, m. ——— Converse. Was a merchant at West Townshend, Vt., and other places. Had several sons, one of whom was a general in the Rebel army, in the civil war. He (Ephm.) d. in Stratton, Vt., in 1850.—*Jonathan* (3), b. Sept. 30, 1770 —*Olive*, d. young.—*Samuel*, d. May 27, 1794, a. 18.—*Sally*, b. 1780; m. Aija Walker (2); d. May 17, 1856.

2. PETER, son of Peter (1), m., 1793, Sarah, dau. of Amos Hubbard (3), and who d. 1851. Resided in Chfd. He d. Mar. 20, 1846.

Ch.: *Hubbard* (4), b. July 14, 1794.—*Sophia*, m., 1825, James Hubbard, of Royalston, Mass.—*Maria T.*, unm.; d. in Chfd.—*Sally*, unm.; d. in 1822, a. 22.—*Samuel*, m., Aug. 25, 1846, Sarah W. Goddard, of Royalston. Res. in Dum. Has had 3 ch.: Mary Ann E., b. June 22, 1848, and d. Apr. 18, 1864; Eleanor M., b. Apr. 24, 1851; Harriet S., b. May 11, 1853, and d. Mar. 28, 1861.—*Laura*, m. Wm. Barnard (q. v.)—*Philena*, m. Nathanl. Bowker, of Royalston.—*William*, unm.; d. in Chfd., Dec., 1866.—*Warren*, m. Harriet Colby, of Middleboro' (?), Mass.—*Ward*, m., at West Roxbury, Mass., Sarah Hawkins.—*Watson* (5), b. Oct. 12, 1816.—*Arminda*, m. Geo. Perkins, of Charlestown, Mass.

4. HUBBARD, son of Peter (2), m., 1818, Lucy, dau. of John Pierce (1), and who d. Feb. 2, 1854. Resided in Chfd. Farmer. About 1825 he was colonel of the 6th Regt. of N. H. militia. He d. Sept. 21, 1881, at the advanced age of 87 years.

Ch.: *Lucy Melinda*, b. Feb. 12, 1819; m. Ephm. Hunt, of Wmd.—*Eliza A. P.*, b. Feb. 19, 1820; unm. Res. in Chfd. Has engaged in school-teaching to a considerable extent.—*Samuel Davis*, b. Feb. 22, 1822; unm.; d. in Chfd., Mar. 28, 1879.—*Ira Parker*, b. Apr. 4, 1824; d. in 1845.

5. WATSON, son of Peter (2), m. 1st, Mar. 23, 1843, Miranda, dau. of John H. Barrett (1), and who d. Mar. 12, 1864; 2d, Nov. 24, 1864, Widow Sophia S. Smith, d. Feb. 17, 1869; 3d, May 1, 1870, Jennie O., dau. of Samuel Thomas, of Hins. Res. in Chfd. Farmer.

Ch.: *Malvina P.*, b. Mar. 6, 1849; m., Oct. 1, 1868, Ora F. Smith. Res. in Rehoboth, Mass.—*Charles W.*, b. Dec. 30, 1850; m. Altie Tyler, of Vernon, Vt., where he res.—*Albert H.*, b. Feb. 5, 1862; d. Aug. 14, the same year.—*Wilson J.*, b. Feb. 16, 1866; d. Feb. 12, 1867.—*Frank A.*, b. Jan. 5, 1868.—*Nellie G.*, b. June 9, 1871.—*S. Weston*, b. June 5, 1873.

3. JONATHAN, son of Peter (1), m., 1802, Lavina, dau. of Aaron Fisk (1), and who d. in Newfane, Vt., in 1854. He d. in Chfd. about 1840.

Ch.: *Fohn* (6), b. Aug. 6, 1802.—*Louisa*, m. 1st, 1821, Jason Cressey, of Marlboro', Vt., d. about 1847; 2d, Ebenezer Porter, of Coleraine, Mass., where she d.—*Addison*, m., Apr., 1831, Sophia, dau. of Montgomery Darling (4); d. Oct., the same year. A posthumous dau., Elvira A., was b. Feb. 29, 1832.

6. JOHN, son of Jonathan (3), m., Mar. 1, 1821, Roxana, dau. of Edward and Demmis (Titus) Hall, and who was b. Apr. 21, 1805. He resided in Chfd. till 1849, when he rem. to Newfane, Vt., where he now lives.

Ch.: *Olive Davis*, b. June 29, 1822; m. Warren R. Hildreth. Res. at Fayetteville, Vt.—*Fohn Adams*, b. Feb. 16, 1825; m. Margaret Kidd, of Montgomery, N. Y. Res. in



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Cal.—*Jona. Foster* (7), b. May 22, 1827.—(Two d. in infancy.)—*Hoyt Henry* (8), b. Aug. 30, 1833.—*Francis Warren*, b. Feb. 8, 1836; m. Harriet Doty, of Craftsbury, Vt. Res. in Worcester, Mass.—*Ann Viola*, b. Nov. 11, 1838; m. M. Wells Bridge, of Springfield, Mass.—*Norman Fisk*, b. Aug. 18, 1841; m. Lizzie Waterman, of Springfield, where he res.

7. JONATHAN F., son of John (6), m., July 28, 1846, Mary Ann, dau. of Elias Brown (q. v.) Res. in Chfd.

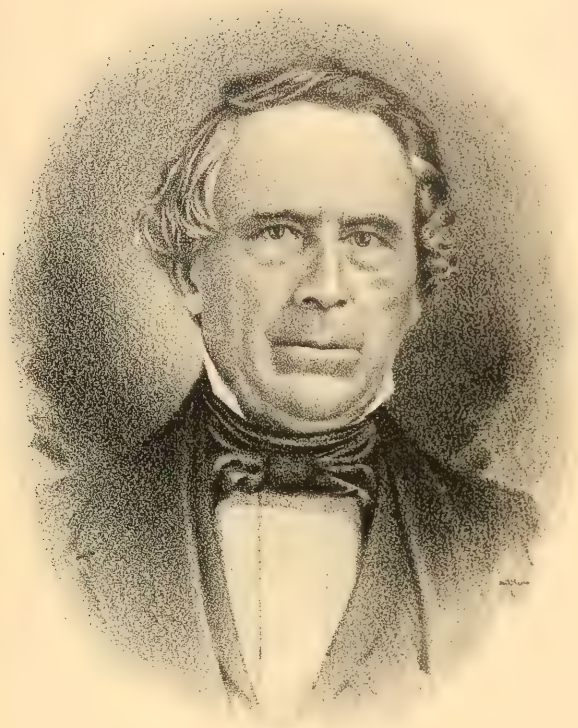
Ch.: *George B.*, b. Sept. 12, 1848; m., Mar. 6, 1873, Mary Jane Boutelle. Res. at Bellows Falls, Vt.—*James Frank*, b. May 5, 1852; m., June 18, 1873, Matilda Phillips.—*Elias E.*, b. Feb. 24, 1855; m., Mar. 18, 1882, Mary E., dau. of Otis H. Scott (6).—*Gustina M.*, b. Aug. 11, 1859; d. Mar. 18, 1860.—*Norman F.*, b. Feb. 2, 1861; d. Dec. 11, 1863.

8. HOYT H., son of John (6), m. Minnie L. Maclay, of Lockport, N. Y. Res. in Jamaica, Vt. He was born in the old house that formerly stood where Russell H. Davis's house now stands, on the farm on which his great-grandfather, Peter Wheeler (1), settled. Having attended the Academy, under the instruction of Nathan Kendall, John Goldsbury, Rev. Wm. Patton, and Samuel D. Lord, several terms, he went, in 1849, with his father, to Newfane, Vt., where he continued his studies at select-schools. In 1854, he was preceptor of the Academy in his native town, and, in 1857, taught a select-school at Westminster West, Vt. Afterwards, he taught district-schools in Chesterfield, Dummerston, West Townshend and Newfane. Having decided to enter the legal profession, Mr. Wheeler read law with Chas. K. Field, Esq., at Williamsville, Vt., and with J. D. Bradley, Esq., and Geo. B. Kellogg, Esq., at Brattleboro'; was admitted to the bar of Windham Co. (Vt.) Court, at the September term, in 1859, and commenced to practise with Hon. John E. Butler, at Jamaica, Vt. He was representative from that town to the Vermont Assembly in 1867, and was a member of the Senate of that State in '68 and '69. In 1869, he was also elected judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont, which office he held by successive elections till he

was appointed by President Hayes judge of the U. S. District Court, for the district of Vermont, Mar. 16, 1877.—a position that he still retains.

WHEELER.

1. JOSEPH WHEELER, b. probably about 1729, was in Chfd. in 1770, having come, as is supposed, from some town in Mass., though, according to tradition, he was Scotch by birth, or of Scotch extraction. In 1772, he purchased of Sarah Emmons (q. v.) lot No. 12, in the 15th range, the same being a part of the farm afterwards owned and occupied successively by his grandson, Ashbel Wheeler, Sen., David W. Goodrich, and Eleazer Randall, Jr. He appears to have d. about 1805. He is known to have had, at least, 3 ch.: *Benjamin* (2), b. Oct. 22, 1756.—*Susanna*, m., 1777, Ephm. Wheeler (q. v.)—*John* (3), b. about 1768.
2. BENJAMIN, son of Joseph (1), m. Sarah, dau. of Abner Harris (1), and who was b. Mar. 5, 1758, and d. Nov. 9, 1821. Resided in Chfd., and lived many years on the farm now owned and occupied by Wm. L. Clegg. Soldier 1775. He d. Nov. 16, 1844.
Ch.: *Isaac* (4), b. Apr. 12, 1780.—*Polly*, b. Jan. 9, 1782; m., 1800, Josiah Hastings (8).—*Joseph*, b. Jan. 18, 1784; d. 1787.—*Ashbel* (5), b. Nov. 26, 1785.—*Sally*, b. Aug. 29, 1787; d. 1795.—(Three infants b. and d. 1790.)—*Clarissa*, b. May 28, 1792; m., 1815, Eleazer Randall (5); d. June 7, 1844.—*Salome*, b. Apr. 22, 1794; m., 1813, David W. Goodrich (1); d. Jan. 28, 1879.—*Chancey*, b. Feb. 27, 1796; d. 1797.—*Dolly* (half-sister of the preceding), b. Nov. 18, 1822; m., Dec. 31, 1846, Benj. V. Smith (23).
4. ISAAC, son of Benjamin (2), m., 1800, Matilda, dau. of Andrew Hastings (2). Between 1815 and '19, he rem. to St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., where he d.
Ch.: *Nelson* (6) (half-brother of the following), b. May 22, 1799.—*Lebina*, and perhaps others.
6. NELSON, son of Isaac (4), m., Jan. 9, 1821, Bersheba Moore, of Putney, Vt., d. Nov. 18, 1875. Blacksmith. He d. May 1, 1864.



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Ch.: *Lucinda E.*, b. in Putney, July 8, 1822; d. in Chfd. in 1837.—*Lorinda R.*, b. in Chester, Vt., Aug. 4, 1824; m., Aug. 23, 1846, Wm. H. Tibbetts, of Farmington, Me.—*Fanny E.*, b. in Lyndon, Vt., Nov. 27, 1826; m., in Dum., July 1, 1844, Isaac Boyden; d. in Brat., Sept. 24, 1875.—*Laura M.*, b. in Lyndon, May 8, 1829; m. 1st, Oct. 26, 1853, Wm. H. Fairchild, of New Haven, Conn.; 2d, Wm. G. Wheaton, of Peoria, Ill.; 3d, T. A. Plants, of Pomeroy, O.—*Rufus S.*, b. in Lyndon, June 19, 1831; d. Apr. 28, 1832.—*Susan A.*, b. in Lyndon, July 14, 1833; m., Apr. 13, 1851, Newell R. Lougee, of Gilmanton.—*Lorenzo B.*, b. in Barton, Vt., Jan. 16, 1836; d. Mar. 18, 1839.—*Demaster H.*, b. in Barton, Feb. 27, 1838; unm. Res. in Putney, Vt.—*Permelia* and *Paulina*, b. in Putney, Nov. 20, 1840. *Permelia* m. Edwin French, of Dum.; *Paulina* d. May 1, 1842.—*Emma A.*, b. in Putney, Dec. 2, 1845; d. Apr. 14, 1854.

5. ASHBEL, son of Benjamin (2), m., 1804, Diana, dau. of Eleazer Randall (2), and who d. Sept. 13, 1852. For many years he was a well-known merchant and distiller at the West Village (see pp. 162, 165), being also engaged, a part of the time, in farming. Commencing business with little or no capital, save his own native tact and shrewdness, he succeeded in acquiring a considerable fortune. He was, also, a violin-player, and in his early and middle manhood was extensively employed to play at balls and "kitchen-dances," often in company with Mr. Asa Smith, Mr. Gardner Smith, or other old-time knights of the bow. The store which he established at the West Village was extensively patronized, and was long one of the principal stores in the town. He d. June 20, 1866.

Ch.: *Prusha*, b. Sept. 22, 1805; d. June 29, 1810.—*Foster A.* (7), b. Feb. 23, 1808.—*Prusha*, b. Dec. 16, 1810; m. 1st, Apr. 23, 1829, Harden Ford (q. v.); 2d, Jan., 1843, Chas. L. Strong (q. v.)—*Eliza*, b. Dec. 24, 1813; m., 1834, Norman Harris (11); d. in San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 5, 1868.—*Ashbel*, b. Jan. 2, 1817; m., Apr. 17, 1838, Harriet, dau. of John C. Hall, M. D., of Concord; d. in Chfd., June 25, 1871. Had no ch.—*Maria*, b. June 22, 1819; m., 1840, A. Sidney Baxter, then of Rockingham, Vt., now of N. Y. City; d. Apr.

4, 1854.—*Laura S.*, b. June 30, 1824; m., 1850, Joseph H. Buffum, of Walpole; d. June 11, 1856.—*Helen Mar* and *Wm. Wallace*, b. Feb. 24, 1827. *Helen M.* m., May 28, 1853, Lucien, son of Alpheus Snow (6), and d. at Acapulco, Mexico, June 29, 1853; *Wm. W.* d. Aug. 29, 1830.—*Sarah M.*, b. Dec. 27, 1829; unm.; d. Oct. 8, 1850.

7. FOSTER A., son of Ashbel (5), m. Betsey Gibson, of Londonderry, Vt., b. Sept. 8, 1808. He resided many years in Janesville, Wis., where he d. Nov. 2, 1878.

Ch.: *William W.*, b. Nov. 15, 1833; m. *Helen M. Dustin*. Res. in Emporia, Kan.—*Charles F.*, b. Feb. 17, 1836; m. *Julia A. Dustin*. Res. in Topeka, Kan.—*Ellen S.*, b. Mar. 2, 1840; m. Dr. Judson Hale, d. Dec. 18, 1872, a. 39. She d. in Janesville, Mar. 19, 1881.

3. JOHN, son of Joseph (1), m., 1791, Lucy, dau. of Thomas Holmes (q. v.), and who d. in 1863, a. nearly 90. He rem. about 1806 to Concord, Vt., where he d. in 1838.

Ch.: *Joseph*, d. Apr. 22, 1795, a. 3 yrs. 7 mos.—*Harry*, d. Apr. 21, 1795, a. 2 yrs. 4 mos.—*Lucy*, b. Oct., 1794; m. Warner Bingham, and was the mother of Hon. Harry Bingham, of Littleton, the eminent lawyer, and Hon. George A. Bingham, lately one of the associate justices of the Supreme Court of this State. She d. Oct., 1839.—*John*, b. Apr., 1796; d. July, 1878.—*Edith*, b. 1797; d. May, 1860.

WHEELER, JAMES, may have been in Chfd. in 1770. His wife was Esther ———, d. in 1794. He d. in 1792. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Lucy*, b. Sept. 22, 1769; *James*, b. Aug. 5, 1772, and d. 1777.

WHEELER, JAMES, said to have been the brother of Ephm., Benjamin, 2nd, and Randall Wheeler (q. v.), may have been in Chfd. in 1773. His wife was Rachel ———. Selectman 1792 (?), 1800, '01. His name disappears between 1815 and '19.

Ch.: *Jonathan*, b. Apr. 18, 1777; *Hannah*, b. Mar. 12, 1775; *Silas*, b. May 21, 1780, and m., 1803, Sally Bishop; *Rachel*, b. Nov. 3, 1782; *Ephraim*, b. Jan. 26, 1785; *Leonard*, b. July 14, 1787; *Roswell*, b. May 11, 1790; *Leah*, b. June 23, 1792; *Fanny*, b. Dec. 1, 1794.

WHEELER, EPHRAIM, said to have been the brother of James Wheeler (q. v.), m., 1777, Susanna, dau. of Joseph Wheeler (1). Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Sarah*, b. June 28, 1777; *Molly*, b. Dec. 8, 1780.

WHEELER, BENJAMIN, (styled *Second*, to distinguish him from Benj. Wheeler (2)), said to have been the brother of James Wheeler (q. v.), was in Chfd. in 1787. His wife was Elizabeth ——. His name disappears between 1815 and '19. Four ch. were recorded: *John*, b. May 4, 1790; *Lymon*, b. Apr. 1, 1792; *Hosea*, b. Mar. 23, 1794; *Hannah*, b. Apr. 4, 1796.

WHEELER, RANDALL, said to have been the brother of James Wheeler (q. v.), 1787—about 1800.

WHEELER, JEREMIAH, from New Salem, Mass., m., 1781, Athaliah Cobleigh. He rem. about 1800 to Windham, Vt. Three ch., at least, were born in Chfd.: *Patty*, b. Mar. 22, 1783; *Thene*, b. Nov. 20, 1787; *Abigail*, b. Mar. 6, 1790.

WHITE.

1. JOHN WHITE was in Chfd. in 1794. His wife was Lydia —, d. Oct. 31, 1842, a. 77. He d. Dec. 7, 1825, a. 62.

Ch.: (So far as known, but order uncertain) *John*, d. in Hoosac, N. Y.—*Willard*.—*Warren*.—*Freedom*.—*Henry*, d. in Chfd., Nov. 19, 1844, a. 55.—*Jacob T.* (2).—*Sarah T.*, m., 1817, Nathaniel Albee (q. v.); d. in 1849, a. 54.—*Polly*.

2. JACOB T., son of John (1), m., 1823, Lucy, dau. of Richard Hopkins (1), and who d. Oct. 25, 1871. Resided in Chfd. He d. Dec. 24, 1863, in his 73d year.

Ch.: *George R.*, unm.; d. at San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 18, 1850, a. 26.—*Ann*, m. Justus R. Rogers, of Keene.—*Sarah*, m. Arza A., son of Josiah Higgins (4).—*Harriet M.*, d. young.—*Harriet M.*, d. young.

WHITE, JOHN, in Chfd. 1776. His name disappears before 1787.

WHITE, NATHANIEL, m., 1797, Sally Farr.

WHITE.

1. EPHRAIM WHITE resided in Chfd. for a few years previous to 1814 or '15, one of which years he d. His wife is said to have been Elizabeth Smith.

Ch.: *Bradford*, d. in Chfd., Sept. 19, 1826, a. 26.—*Washington*, m., 1830, Adeline M. Crosby; d. before 1834. Had one dau., Elizabeth, m. 1st, John Palmer; 2d, Hiram Bryant. —*Malinda*, m. ——— Fuller.—*Clarissa*, unm.—*Warren* (2).

2. WARREN, son of Ephraim (1), m., 1826, Sally, dau. of John Darling (1), and who d. Feb. 8, 1873. He d. in Chfd., Oct., 1827.

Ch.: *John W.*, b. Nov. 26, 1827; m. Ellen M. Kimball. For many years he resided in Boston, being employed as a salesman in a large dry-goods store, and was also, for a while, a member of a firm in that city. For about the past ten years he has been a resident of Chfd.; and to his *enterprise* and perseverance is mainly due the construction of the steamboat that bears as its name the italicized word in this clause. He has had two ch.: James W., Ellen M.

WHITNEY, EPHRAIM, was in Chfd. in 1776. His wife was Jane Bancroft, of Salem, Mass., d. in Chfd., Nov. 9, 1795, in her 73d year. He d. Oct. 2, the same year, in his 72d year. His dau., *Molly*, m. 1st, Col. Samuel King (2); 2d, Capt. Simon Willard (q. v.); d. in Wincr. about 1832.

WHITNEY, EPHRAIM, Jr., probably son of Ephraim (q. v.), m. Rhoda ———. His name disappears about 1792. Only 2 ch. were recorded: *Sally*, b. Mar. 16, 1779; *Dorcas*, b. Sept. 22, 1782.

WHITNEY, JOEL, m. 1st, ———, and had, at least, 2 ch.: *Joel*, b. Feb. 21, 1777; *Nabby*, b. May 19, 1786, and m., 1806, Titus, son of Ebenezer Farr (4). Joel, Sen., m. 2d, Edee Farwell, widow of Benj. Farwell (2). She was a midwife, and was long known as "Granny Whitney."

WHITNEY DANIEL, m. Eunice ———. His name is not found after 1794. Four ch. were recorded: *Adolphus*, b. Dec. 13, 1782, and d. 1785; *George*, b. Jan. 11, 1785; *Vashni*, b. June 3, 1788; *Calvin*, b. Aug. 23, 1790.

WHITNEY, MOSES, had a son, *Moses*, d. 1774.

WILBER, JOSEPH, from Taunton, Mass., settled in Chfd. in 1838 or '39. His father and mother, Isaiah and Prudence Wilber, came to Chfd. with him. The former d. May 3, 1853, a. 81; the latter, Sept. 19, 1849, a. 77. Joseph m. Lydia, dau. of Bethuel Field (1), and who d. Dec. 29, 1876. He d. Feb. 20, 1877, a. 63.

Ch.: *Sarah F.*, m. Wm. R. Smith, now of Chfd.; d. Nov. 25, 1877, in her 39th year.—*Addie O.*, m. Erving A. Hildreth, of Chfd.; d. Sept. 24, 1874, in her 27th year.

WILD.

1. BENJAMIN WILD came from Norton, Mass., in the autumn of 1801, and settled in the eastern part of the town. His wife was Sarah Babbitt, d. in Chfd. in 1826, in her 74th year. He d. the same year, in his 79th year.

Ch.: (All b. in Norton) *Sally*, m. Lysander Makepeace, of Norton.—*John* (2).—*Nancy*, m., 1807, Orlo Richardson (2); d. Apr. 4, 1872, a. nearly 90.—*David*, who entered Dartmouth College with the intention of preparing himself for one of the "learned professions," but was obliged to abandon the undertaking on account of ill health. At the same time his voice failed, so that he could not speak aloud. He m., in 1817, Abigail, dau. of Moses Smith (3), and settled in Fredonia, N. Y., where he became a popular magistrate. One of his daughters, Ann, m. Judge Sanford E. Church, of Albion, N. Y., lately deceased.—*Nathan* (3), b. June 14, 1787.—*Abigail*, m. Marcus Holbrook (2).—*Elsie*, m., 1820, John, son of Ichabod Albee (3).

2. JOHN, son of Benjamin (1), m. Lydia Newcombe. He resided a number of years in Adams, Mass., and then rem. to Ellisburg, N. Y., where he d. about 1834 or '35.

Ch.: *Benjamin F.*, b. May 24, 1803.—*Charles P.*, b. June 3, 1804; d. in Adams, while a young man.—*Salome*, d. young.—*Samuel*, d. young.—*Sarah*, d. unm.—*Mary*, m. McKee.—*Elsie*, m. Roderick Brewster, and resided in N. Y. State.

3. NATHAN, son of Benjamin (1), m., Aug. 18, 1814, Rachel Newcombe, sister of his brother John's wife, and who d. in Greene Co., Ind., July 17, 1840.

In his youth he had a fondness for mathematical studies, which he pursued at home, with the assistance of his brother David. The latter once remarked, in later years, that the education which he had acquired did himself but little good, but was of great value to his brother Nathan. Nathan applied himself assiduously to the study of surveying and astronomy, and soon became one of the most skillful surveyors in the State, and an astronomer of considerable proficiency. After his marriage he settled on a farm situated near the present stage-road leading from Factory Village to Keene, about one mile from the former place. This farm is at present owned by Rev. T. L. Fowler. He now engaged not only in practical farming and surveying, but in the publication of an almanac, known for a while as "The Improved New England Almanack and Ephemeris," and afterwards as "The Farmer's, Mechanic's and Gentleman's Almanack." He appears to have begun the publication of his almanacs about 1819, and they were generally, though not always, printed by John Prentiss, at Keene.

(For a description of this almanac, and a few extracts therefrom, see p. 191.)

Not only was Mr. Wild a practical farmer, surveyor, astronomer and almanac-maker, but he also held several important civil offices. He was selectman from 1820 to '25, and representative to the General Court in '31 and '32. In '33 and '34, he was a member of the New Hampshire Senate. In the midst of a useful and honorable career he was summoned away by that messenger who comes, sooner or later, to all; and, on the fifth day of March, 1838, he passed away from the place of his earthly labors.

Ch.: *Nathan Ransel* (4), b. July 14, 1815.—*Mary E.*, b. Mar. 16, 1820; unm.; d. in Chfd., Jan. 14, 1843.

4. NATHAN R., son of Nathan (3), m., Sept. 25, 1838, Maria E., dau. of Abraham Wood (3). In 1840, he rem. to Greene Co., Ind., where he d. Apr. 7, 1851. The sad fate of the little colony of Chesterfield people who attempted to settle in that part of Indiana, is described by his son, an eminent lawyer of Cincinnati, O., as follows:

"N. R. Wild, with his wife and infant child, started for the West in 1840, and after a long journey by wagon, stage and boat, arrived at, and settled in, Greene Co., Indiana. There was about him here quite a settlement of Chesterfield people, who had either gone out shortly before, or with, him. There were Dr. A. G. Skinner and family, Mrs. Skinner being formerly Sybil Wood; F. B. Cressey and family, Mrs. Cressey being formerly Rebecca Wood; Levi Wood, and Abraham Wood and wife, parents of Sybil, Rebecca, Levi and Maria, wife of N. R. Wild. There were also the mother and sister of N. R. Wild, and Ballard Cressey and family. These all owned adjoining farms, and life in the West began for them very brightly. All depended on their farms for a living, except Dr. Skinner and N. R. Wild, the latter being a surveyor and civil engineer.

Only a few years did this little community remain together. The graveyard was laid off on one of the farms, and one after another of the little company was laid away in it. Mrs. Cressey, Mrs. Skinner, Levi Wood, Abraham Wood and wife, the mother and infant child of N. R. Wild, followed each other in quick succession. Dr. Skinner moved back to New York, and, upon the death of N. R. Wild, in 1851, his widow was left without a relative near her of all those who had left their eastern home but eleven years before."

Mrs. Wild having sent one of her boys, Charles, to live with her sister in New York, removed, in 1852, with the other three to College Hill, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, in order that she might obtain better facilities for educating them.

"For several years her life was severe and straitened, but she never faltered. The boys went to school, and worked during vacations, until the oldest two, Edward and Levi, graduated. Before that time, she had gotten Charles back, and very soon the boys took upon themselves the support of the household."

Mrs. Wild still resides at College Hill. The ch. of Nathan R. and Maria E. Wild are as follows: *Eleanor*, d. in infancy.—*Edward N.*, b. July 28, 1841; m., Feb. 19, 1874, *Amelia F. Goodman*. He studied law while teaching school, and serving as mate in the gun-boat service on the southern rivers, in the War of the Rebellion. He is now practising his profession in Cincinnati, and is the author of a work entitled "Journal Entries under the Codes of Ohio," a standard book of forms in that State.—*Levi*, b. Aug. 23, 1843. He studied medicine, and went to Youngstown, N. Y., to practise with Dr. Skinner. He d. Sept. 2, 1873, of consumption.—*Charles R.*, b. Sept. 25, 1845; m., Oct. 10, 1872, *Maria L. Davey*. He is secretary of the "Western Biographical Publishing Co."

at Cincinnati, the "College Hill Railroad Co.," and the "Buckeye Cannel Coal Co."—*Walter*, b. Jan. 14, 1848; d. May 6, 1875. At the time of the financial panic of 1873, he had charge of the Buckeye Cannel Coal Company's works in Daviess Co., Ind. The coal business having been ruined by the panic, and he having lost a hand by an accident, he became despondent, and in a fit of mental aberration, shot himself.

WILLARD, Capt. SIMON, probably from Wincr., appears to have settled in Chfd. about 1788. He m., about the same time, Molly, wid. of Col. Samuel King (2), and who is said to have d. in Wincr. about 1832. He resided in Chfd. till about 1813, when he rem. to Wincr., where he d. at the age of nearly 100 years. He represented Chfd. in the General Court 1794—'96, and afterwards seven successive years (1801—'07.)

Ch.: *Elijah*, b. Dec. 28, 1788; unm.—*Catharine*, b. Aug. 2, 1791; m., 1811, Joseph Pattridge (4); d. in Osceola, Ill., Feb. 3, 1865.—*Fane*, b. Oct. 2, 1793; m. Jarib, son of John Sanderson (4); d. June 3, 1852.—*Seth*, b. Feb. 2, 1796; m. Fanny Battles.

WILLARD.

2. GIBSON WILLARD, brother of Thomas Willard (3), came from Harvard, Mass., and settled in the south-east quarter of this town, probably about 1789. His wife was probably Mary Hall. His will was made Oct. 9, 1816, and proved Apr. 15, 1817.

Ch.: (So far as known, but order uncertain) *Solomon* (4).—*Mary*, m., 1798, James Henry (2); d. Feb. 25, 1850.—*Phineas*, m., 1803, Hannah, dau. of Daniel Colburn (2), but had no ch.—*Reuben* (5), b. about 1777.—*Rebecca*, m. ——— Haskell, and rem. to Canada.

4. SOLOMON, son of Gibson (2), m. ———, and had, at least, the following ch.: *Gibson*, m., 1829, Lucy W., dau. of Jona. Taylor (1).—*Mary*, m. Sullivan, son of Zadock Presho (1).—*Diana*, m. Asahel Wetherbee (2).—*Lewis*.—*Phineas*.
5. REUBEN, son of Gibson (2), m. 1st, Nancy Reed, d. at Highgate, Vt.; 2d, in Swanton, Vt., Samantha Lathrop; 3d, 1850,

Mrs. Lurana Wheeler, wid. of Ephm. Wheeler, of Wmd. At the time of the second war between Great Britain and the United States, he lived at Highgate, Vt., and for a while drove a team that carried provisions for the American army. He d. in Wmd. in 1853.

Ch. : (By 1st marriage) *Nancy*, m., in Ohio, Stephen Loucy. — *Sabra*, m. Frederick Foltz, at Indianapolis, Ind. — *Washington*, m. Eliza, dau. of Daniel Forbush, of Chfd., and rem. to Wis. — *Levi*, m. ———, at Dover, Vt., and rem. to Iowa. — (By 2d marriage) *Hannah*, b. Mar. 13, 1817; m., 1839, Henry O. Clark (4). — *Rebecca*, b. Mar. 6, 1819; m. Sumner, son of Eli Black; d. July, 1853. — *Prutia*, m. Bradley Hill; d. Oct., 1847. — *Roana*, m. Chas. Blackmer, at Belchertown, Mass. — *Mary*, m. Henry Brown, at Swzy. — *Russell*, m. Viola Pike, at West Wardsboro', Vt. [Five d. in infancy.]

3. THOMAS WILLARD, brother of Gibson Willard (2), also came from Harvard, Mass., about 1791, and settled on the farm afterwards owned by Samuel Goodrich, now owned and occupied by Willard Henry. He probably rem. to Highgate, Vt., about 1806. His wife's name has not been ascertained, but he had, at least, the following ch. : *Stephen*, m. Mary, dau. of Wm. Henry (1). — *Sally*, m., 1796, Abel Fletcher (1). — *Sibyl*, m., 1799, Bunker G. Hubbard (5). [Another dau. m. (perhaps) Levi Buttrick.]

• WITHINGTON, EDWARD, son of Benjamin, came from Chelmsford, Mass., and settled in Chfd. about 1819. His father, Benjamin, also came with him, and d. in Chfd., May 16, 1851, a. nearly 90. Edward was a tanner. (See p. 160.) He m. Lydia Hodgman, of Chelmsford, d. Mar. 4, 1879, a. nearly 87. He d. Jan. 27, 1863, in his 74th year.

Ch. : *Seth*, b. in Chelmsford, Dec. 3, 1812; unm. Res. in Chfd. — *Edwin*, b. about 1816. — *Mary F.*, b. about 1818; m. Chas. C. Tenney, of Dum. — *James D.*, b. Oct. 5, 1820. — *Albert*, b. Sept. 9, 1823; d. 1825. — *Albert C.*, b. Nov. 2, 1825; res. in Milford, Mass. — *Asaph*, b. June 26, 1828. — *Henry H.*, b. Nov. 18, 1836; m. Sarah, dau. of Robert Johnson, of Chfd., and who d. at East Brookfield, Mass., Sept. 27, 1878, in her 35th year.

WITT.

1. ARTEMAS WITT was in Chfd. in 1785. He lived on the farm now owned and occupied by Parker Farr. He m., in Wmd., 1777, Eunice, probably dau. of John Peacock (1), and who d. Jan. 25, 1842, a. 87. He d. Apr. 26, 1823, a. nearly 74.

Ch.: *Sally*, unm.; d. in Chfd., May 9, 1839, a. 62.—*Arza* (2).—*Margaret*, m. Elijah, son of Amos Davis (2).—*Willard* (3).—*Lovisa*, b. 1792; unm. She was a noted school-teacher, and at the time of her death, Jan. 9, 1854, she is said to have been teaching, in Hins., her 100th school.

2. ARZA, son of Artemas (1), m. ———. He is said to have d. in Penn.

Ch.: *Arza*, d. in Lowell, Mass. He was a physician.—*George C.*, m. Laura Brown, of Brat., and rem. to Wis.

3. WILLARD, son of Artemas (1), m., 1808, Lydia, probably dau. of Isaiah Harvey (1).

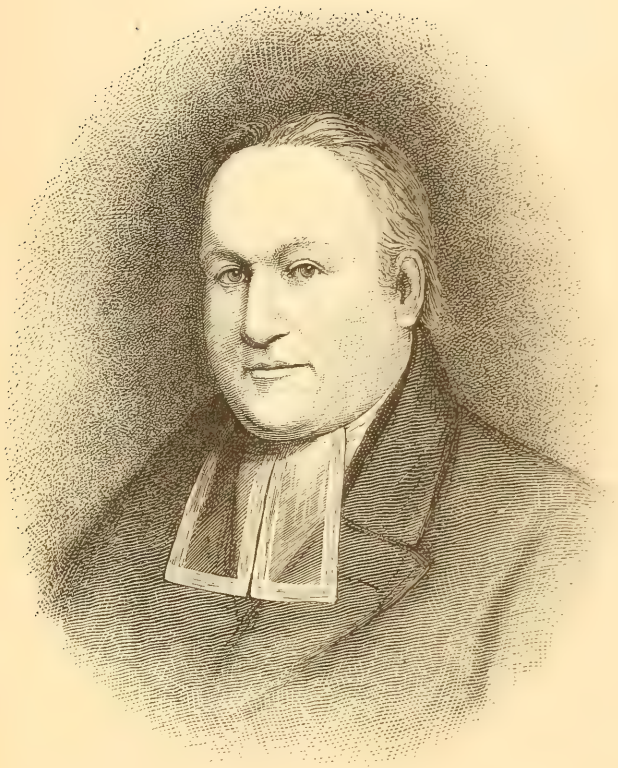
Ch.: (Order uncertain) *Almira E.*, m., 1832, Samuel D. Pierce.—*Catharine*, m. 1st, ——— Purdy, of Walpole; 2d, Harvey Allen.—*Eunice*, d. young.—*Lovisa*, d. young.—*Lydia*, rem. from the town.—*Willard*, m. 1st, ——— Howard, of Alstead; 2d, Mrs. Abby Thatcher, doctress. He d. in Westminster, Vt., Mar. 27, 1881, a. 69.—*John*, d. young.—*Charles*, rem. to Acworth.

WITT, MOSES, may have been in Chfd. in 1789, which year a dau., *Bethniah*, d. in her 7th year. His name does not appear, however, on the tax-lists.

WOOD.

William Wood, author of a book entitled "New England's Prospects," emigrated, at the age of 56, from Derbyshire, England, and settled, in 1638, in Concord, Mass., where he d. May 14, 1671, a. 89. He had, at least, 2 ch., viz., Michael and Ruth. Michael d. in Concord, May 13, 1674. One of his sons was Abraham, d. in Sudbury, Mass., in 1742. One of Abraham's sons, Cornelius, m., in 1738, Mary Eaton, and had 11 ch., only 4 of whom lived to mature age, viz.: Abraham (1), Ebenezer, Mary and Mehitabel.

1. REV. ABRAHAM WOOD, the descendant of Wm. Wood, who emigrated from Eng. in 1638, as related above, settled in Chfd. The following interesting sketch of his life was written by his grandson, Prof. Alphonso Wood, the eminent botanist.



REV. ABRAHAM WOOD.

“Rev Abraham Wood was born in Sudbury, Mass., A. D., 1748, (Sept. 26); was educated in Harvard University, and graduated with the class of 1767. June 4, 1771, he was married to Sarah Loring, of Hingham, Mass., grand daughter of the Rev. Israel Loring, and both were soon on their way, by a perilous journey, into the then all-pervading wilderness of New Hampshire. Here, in the township of Chesterfield, A. D. 1772, he began a ministry which was to continue, without interruption, unto the end of his days. His annual salary was fixed at £80*, and assumed as a town charge, and paid, like other municipal expenses, from the public treasury. His parish was co-extensive with the township, and throughout he was revered and beloved almost without exception. His advice or approbation was sought in all public affairs, alike in civil, military, educational and religious. He not only ministered in the church, but solemnized their marriages, baptized their children, buried their dead, inspected their schools, addressed their martial parades, and in their family gatherings was a welcome, nay, an indispensable guest.

His sermons were generally written out, and ever true to the orthodoxy of the Pilgrim Fathers, notwithstanding the tide of Arianism which began to sweep the churches of New England in the latter part of his ministry.

In speech he was animated and inspiring, with a clear and ringing voice, and a style that appealed to the reason and conscience rather than to the imagination of his hearers.

His ministry extended to the times of the great temperance movement. In the autumn of 1817, he read to his people the substance of Dr. Beecher's ‘Six Sermons on Intemperance,’ then just published and arousing the nation to a sense of the tremendous evils wrought by alcohol. Thus he inaugurated in Chesterfield that good work, the revival of temperance, pledging himself and his household.

The last five years of his life were subject to much infirmity, so that, at his own request, the Rev. John Walker was called and installed by the church as colleague-pastor. To facilitate this measure, he generously declined his salary in favor of his colleague, accepting for himself thereafter only the voluntary offerings of his people.

During this period he continued to preach only occasionally. On the great occasion of the *fifty-first* anniversary of his ministry in Chesterfield, he was once more in his pulpit, and preached to a crowded assembly, reviewing the events of his long and happy connection with that people as their spiritual guide. This was his last public effort. On the 18th of October, 1823, God called him above. A few days before his death, while alone in his study, he was overheard to cry out, as if calling some one. Mrs. Wood, his ever watchful consort, hastened to his side, asking, ‘Did you call me?’ He answered, ‘No; I had such a vision of the Heavenly glory awaiting me, that I could not help crying out for joy and wonder.’

His death was literally a *falling asleep*. In his usual (though now impaired)

*His salary was first fixed at 65 pounds, but was raised, in 1792, to £80.

health he had just now dined, and was reclining on his couch for his accustomed after-dinner repose. Mrs. Wood was sitting by. A sudden spasmodic breath, and she started up to look at the sleeper inquiringly. Opening his eyes he said, 'Nothing, dear, but a little spasm,' and slept again. In ten minutes two or three spasmodic breathings again alarmed her. She was quickly at the bedside, but lo! without a groan, without a pang the spirit had flown forever. In half an hour the tidings had brought to that presence the beloved colleague, who said, as he gazed in sorrow on that placid face, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord! They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.'

In person, Mr. Wood was of medium height, with a full habit, smooth face, florid complexion, and an attractive countenance, as shown in a life-size portrait painted by Belknap, now in possession of his grandson, [Prof. A. Wood.] His family consisted of 3 sons and 4 daughters, all of whom have long since passed away. His venerable widow survived him 20 years, and finally died in Indiana, at the home of one of her daughters, at the ripe age of 93 years."

- The ch. of Rev. Abraham and Sarah (Loring) Wood were as follows: *Mary*, b. Sept. 26, 1773; d. in infancy.—*Mary*, b. Mar. 29, 1775; m. 1st, Eleazer Taylor; 2d, John Darling (1); 3d, in Indiana, ——— Jolly.—*Nathan L.*, b. Oct. 2, 1777.—*Cornelius* (2), b. Nov. 10, 1779.—*Sarah*, b. July 14, 1781; m., 1800, Daniel Harvey (5); d. Sept. 6, 1862.—*Flavilla*, b. Nov. 2, 1783.—*Abraham* (3), b. July 24, 1785.—*Rebecca*, b. Aug. 29, 1787; m., 1809, Hapgood Goddard, of Dum.
2. CORNELIUS, son of Rev. Abraham (1), m., 1804, Fanny (or Frances) Doolittle, of Wincr. Between 1806 and '12, he rem. from Chfd., perhaps to Swanton, Vt., as he is said to have lived there at one time. Two ch. were recorded in the records of this town: *Frances E.*, b. Sept. 10, 1805; *Cornelius E.*, b. Dec. 27, 1806.
 3. ABRAHAM, son of Rev. Abraham (1), m. Patty, dau. of Asa Dutton, of Dum., and settled in Chfd., on the paternal farm. The house in which he lived, and in which his father lived and died, is the one now owned and occupied by Henry G. Hale. It is situated near the Winchester road, about half a mile south-east of the Centre Village. He was one of the deacons of the church, and town-clerk from 1818 to '33. In 1839, he rem. to Greene Co., Ind., where he d. Sept. 24, 1846, and where his wife also died.

Ch.: *Alphonso* (4), b. Sept. 17, 1810.—*Sibyl D.*, b. Mar. 6, 1812; m., 1835, Albert G. Skinner, M. D., son of Timothy Skinner, of Wmd.; d. in Greene Co., Ind.—*Martha C.*, b. Feb. 21, 1814; m., 1835, Bradley D., son of Jason Davis (q. v.) Res. at Youngstown, N. Y.—*Marcia Rebecca*, b. Aug. 22, 1817; m. Franklin B. Cressey; d. in Greene Co., Ind.—*Elvira Maria*, b. Aug. 3, 1819; m., 1838, Nathan R. Wild (4). Res. at College Hill, near Cincinnati, O.—*Levi J.*, b. Feb. 24, 1822; d. in Greene Co., Ind.

4. Prof. ALPHONSO, son of Abraham (3), m. 1st. Lucy, dau. of Benj. Baldwin, Esq., of Bradford, Vt., and who d. June 7, 1868; 2d, 1870, Mrs. Caroline (Sweetser) Barnard, of Worcester, Mass.

He was widely known as the author of several popular works on botany, and was, in fact, one of the best botanists in the United States. The story of his life, as related by himself a few months before his death, is here given with very slight alterations; for surely he who did so much to promote the study of the beautiful science to which he devoted his life, is worthy of a conspicuous place among the many eminent and distinguished sons whom Chesterfield has produced.

His first fifteen years were spent at home in the old manse, dividing his time between rural occupations and study in the village school and the Academy. After this his winters were employed in teaching village schools in other towns,—notably in Keene, Walpole, Claremont, Fitzwilliam, Vernon, Newburyport,—until the date of his graduation at Dartmouth College, A. D. 1834. Immediately after this event, he was called to Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, as teacher of Natural Science and Latin, where, with an interruption of one year only, he remained during the next fifteen years. This one year he spent at Andover, Mass., in the study of theology, endeavoring to fulfill the long cherished purpose of his parents. But his theological training was cut short by a peremptory summons to return to Meriden. Soon after this, Mr. Wood was licensed, after examination, by the Sullivan County Association as a preacher of the Gospel; but his ministry was confined to the army of students that filled the Academy (200—300), and occasional services in the neighboring churches.

It was during his residence in Meriden, that he first conceived the purpose of preparing a class-book of botany. The purpose arose very naturally; first, from his excessive fondness for the science, and secondly, from his felt necessities as a teacher of natural history.

Devoting his leisure hours and vacations largely to botanical excursions and studies, seven years passed, till 1845, when the 'Class-Book' was first issued. The work was not stereotyped, being with the publishers a mere experiment, and only 1500 copies were printed.

A demand unexpectedly great soon exhausted this edition.

In preparing for a new issue, Mr. Wood passed the spring and summer of 1846 in the Western States, whither his parents had then removed, botanizing in the prairies and barrens, in order to extent the limits of his *flora* as far west as the Mississippi river. He was accompanied by his wife, Lucy, and son, Frank Alphonso, then two years old.

In the spring of 1849, on account of impaired health, he resigned his connection with the K. U. Academy, and entered the more active service of civil-engineer in the construction of a railway from Rutland, Vt., to Albany, N. Y.

On the completion of this work (which proved available not only for health but for botanical study), he removed with his family to Cleveland, O., and there, in 1852, resumed his profession as teacher in the Cleveland Female Seminary, associated with Rev. Elbridge Hosmer, to whom, however, after two years, he transferred his entire interest in the school, and again removed, to become more permanently located at College Hill, near Cincinnati, as professor in the Ohio Female College, founded and presided over by Rev. John Covert.

In this beautiful place overlooking the city he passed six years, witnessing many changes. That noble college edifice was destroyed by fire, then rebuilt, under his own auspices, and restored to a full tide of prosperity, when, in 1858, having transferred his interest in the college to Messrs. Cary and Vail, he resigned, to enter on a new enterprise at Terre Haute, Ind., in connection with Mr. Covert—the establishment of the Terre Haute Female College.

This institution speedily attained to great prosperity and usefulness, and, after two years, in the autumn of 1860, in order to facilitate the reprinting of his books, Prof. Wood removed with his family to Brooklyn, N. Y.

The 'Class Book' had now become an important interest. To extend the area of its *flora*, an exploration of the Southern States, lasting six months of the year 1857, had been accomplished, in which the author, besides botanical lore, had gained an intimate knowledge of the peculiar institution of slavery, then culminating to its downfall.

After having completed the third re-print of the 'Class-Book,' he again resumed the business of instruction, opening, in 1861, (*annus mirabilis!*), the Brooklyn Female Academy.

In spite of the direful civil war, this institution proved a success, attaining a high repute and generous patronage during the five succeeding years.

But the love of his favorite science again allured him away, and, in October, 1865, Mr. Wood embarked alone for California, leaving his son Frank in the New York University, and his wife and daughter, Lillian, in Freehold, N. J.

In the Pacific States he sojourned one year, in constant travel, surveying the mountains, the mines, the rocks, the peoples, and especially the plants, of that glorious land, from San Diego to Puget's Sound, and returning by the way of the Isthmus, in November, '66.

In the spring of 1867, having transferred his interests in Brooklyn, he once more collected his family into a new home, in the village of West Farms, a suburb of the City of New York (and now annexed to it) on the north. Here he suffered affliction in the death of his wife Lucy.

While he resided at West Farms, Prof. Wood was employed in revising and re-publishing his botanical works, and in performing the duties connected with the Chair of Botany in the N. Y. College of Pharmacy. He sometimes, also, preached as openings in the churches occurred.

He was the author of the following works, which are all published at present by A. S. Barnes & Company :

1. Class-Book of Botany. 1845. 8vo. 860 pp.
2. Object Lessons in Botany. 1862. 300 pp.
3. The Botanist and Florist. 1870. 12mo. 630 pp.
4. Monograph of the Liliaceae of the U. S. 1869.
5. The Plant Record. 1872. 120 pp.
6. Flora Atlantica. 1879. 448 pp.
7. How to Study Plants. 1879. 318 pp. (Written jointly with Prof. Steele.)

Early in December, 1880, he took a severe cold in his head, which finally resulted in a fever, with cerebral asthenia, and died on the fourth day of January, 1881.

WOOD, Capt. CORNELIUS, d. in Chfd., Aug. 5, 1781, a. 69. [It is possible that he was the father of Rev. Abraham Wood (1)].

WOOD, THOMAS, was in Chfd. a few years before 1787. His wife was Deborah ———. One ch. was recorded, *Abigail*, b. Oct. 5, 1782.

WOOD, SILAS, from Mendon, Mass., was in Chfd. in 1776. His wife was Seanworth ———. His name disappears about 1800.

Ch.: *Olive*, b. in Mendon, Sept. 9, 1773; *Chedorlaomer*, b. July 9, 1779; *Nethaniah*, b. Apr. 29, 1782; *Reconcile*, b. Aug. 27, 1786; *Hannah*, b. May 27, 178—; *Betee*, b. Mar. 11, 1792; *Polly*, b. Mar. 2, 1794; *Catharine*, b. Aug. 18, 1797.

WOOD, ELIPHALET, —1788; EBENEZER, 1790—'91.

WOOD (or WOODS), HANNAH, m., 1788, Zebediah Johnson (q. v.)

WORDEN.

1. NATHAN WORDEN, son of John Worden, of Washington Co., R. I., appears to have settled in Chfd. between 1785 and '87. He had brothers, John and Joseph, and a sister, Hannah, m. Wm. Miller, of Dum., and d. 1823, a. 62. Nathan settled first in Wmd., where he was living in 1781. He was a Baptist preacher, and preached not only in Chfd. but in adjoining towns. He d. Oct. 1, 1804, a. 55.

Ch.: *Nathan*, d. in Chfd., a. 18.—*Nancy*, m. Asa Chaffee, and rem. to Malone, N. Y.—*Charlotte*, d. in Chfd., a. 20.—*Henry* (2).—*Melinda*, m. David Miller, of Littleton.—*Gideon*.—*Abigail*, b. 1789; m. Dea. Benj. Ballard (q. v.).—*Susan*, b. Oct. 3, 1790; m. Joseph Elliott, a Bap. preacher.—*Sally*, m. Riner Osgood, of Dover, Vt.; d. in Mich., 1860.—*Mary*, m. Rev. John R. Dodge, of Boston; d. in Middletown, Conn. [Three other ch. d. young.]

2. HENRY, son of Nathan (1), m., 1806, Patty, dau. of Daniel Waldo (1), and who d. Nov. 18, 1829. Resided in Chfd. He d. Dec. 7, 1833.

Ch.: *Kimball C.*, b. Jan. 13, 1807; m. 1st, Belinda Thomas, of Hins.; 2d, Mrs. Maria Blanchard. Res. in Hins. Two sons by first marriage, Elisha A. and Nathan M., are manufacturers of soap in Hins.—*Larkin*, b. Dec. 1, 1808; d. May 9, 1837, unm.—*Allen*, b. Apr. 8, 1810.—*Mary M.*, b. July 8, 1811.—*Elisha*, b. June 4, 1813.—*Amanda M.*, b. Mar. 2, 1815.—*Diantha A.*, b. Sept. 20, 1816.—*Charles*, b. June 1, 1818.—*Salmon*, b. Jan. 18, 1820.—*Eliza A.*, b. Oct. 3, 1821; m. Albert Fletcher.—*Martha A.*, b. May 9, 1823; m., 1841, in Newton, Mass., Bradley Reed.—*Lucian*, b. Sept. 5, 1826; d. Sept. 11, 1827.

WRIGHT.

1. REMEMBRANCE WRIGHT may have settled in Chfd. about 1804, having come from Northfield (?), Mass. His wife was Diamada (?) Debell, d. about 1838. He d. in 1835.

Ch.: *Emery*, m. Lydia, dau. of Reuben Worcester, of Swzy., where he res.—*Martin G.* (2), b. Apr. 16, 1820.

2. **MARTIN G.**, son of Remembrance (1), m., Apr. 13, 1843, Sarah, dau. of Reuben Worcester, of Swzy. Farmer in Chfd.

Ch.: *Everson E.*, b. Oct. 11, 1843; d. Jan. 8, 1877, unm.
—*James L.*, b. July 13, 1849.—*Silas A.*, b. Nov. 6, 1858.

WYMAN, SILAS, was in Chfd. in 1787, but his name is not found on the tax-lists after 1789. His wife was Susannah ———, and the following ch. were recorded in the records of this town: *Susannah*, b. in Woburn, Mass., Feb. 2, 1777; *Molly*, b. Sept. 1, 1780, and m. (probably), 1796, Joel Johnson; *Levi*, b. May 5, 1783; *Patty*, b. June 6, 1785; *Ebenezer*, b. Sept. 9, 1787, and d. 1791; *Emme*, b. July 11, 1789; *Esther*, b. Sept. 3, 1791; *Ebenezer*, b. Apr. 17, 1794, and d. 1812.

YEAGER, SILAS P., son of Benj. and Charlotte (Brooks) Yeager, b. in Springfield, Mass., Apr. 11, 1819, m., Jan. 3, 1842, Betsey P. V., dau. of Joseph Nourse, of Dum., and settled in Chfd. in 1845. Blacksmith and millwright. He built the blacksmith's shop and saw-mill now owned by Warren W. Farr, at the West Village, the former in '46, and the latter in '58.

Ch.: *Aurelia*, d. in infancy; *Charlotte A.*, b. Feb. 26, 1844, and m., Apr. 15, 1865, Lewis D., son of Chas. Converse (4); *Ann B.*, b. Mar. 20, 1850, and m., Sept. 27, 1865, John W. York, of Waterbury, Vt., now of Chfd.; *Minerva A.*, b. July 12, 1857, and m., Aug., 1877, Mortimer Spring, of Fort Henry, N. Y.

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CORRIGENDA.

- Page 32, last line, for Marshall Shaw read Marshall B. Shaw.
- Page 38. The statement that Asa Thompson settled in Chesterfield in 1767, is probably not strictly correct. He purchased land here in that year (see Family Histories), but probably did not settle permanently on it himself.
- Page 53, for Obahiah Merrill read Obadiah Merrill.
- Page 123. Herbert B. Titus was promoted to First Lieutenant, in the 2d Regt. N. H. V. Infantry, Aug., 1861, and assigned to Co. F of the same regiment.
- Page 127. "By superintendent of schools" is meant a "superintending committee" of *one* person.
- Page 160, fourth line from the top, insert *it* after *converted*.
- Page 179. Add the name of Daniel Presho, aged 81, to the list of aged persons.
- Page 246, for date of death of Eda Chase, wife of Bela Chase, read 1873, instead of 1871.
- Page 252. The statement that John, son of John Cobleigh (1), married Polly Stanford is doubtless incorrect: he probably died young.
- Page 265, read 1781 for the date of the first appearance of the name of John Daniels in the records of Chesterfield, instead of 1787.
- Page 349. Add to the family of Martin Hildreth (6) *Achsah*, m. Montgomery Darling (4), and d. in Chfd., Dec. 4, 1877, a. 85 yrs. 9 mos.
- Page 472. The name of Noah Titus (see p. 294) omitted from its proper place. Noah was in Chesterfield a few years about the close of the last century, but removed to Littleton, where he committed suicide in 1814.

APPENDIX.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF CATSBANE BROOK, &c.

(See pp. 11 and 14.)

The fact that Sergt. Taylor, in describing the route taken by the Indians in returning to Canada with their captives (see p. 25), used, in his journal, the following language: "Crossed the Connecticut at a place called Cattsbane, two or three miles above the mouth of West river, &c."—is conclusive evidence that either the island or the brook (or perhaps both) received its name a number of years before Chesterfield was settled.

GAME-BIRDS, &c.

The statement on page 16, relating to game-birds, may be somewhat misleading. Ducks are pretty frequently found on the river and lake, and other game-birds visit the town in their season; but the ruffed-grouse is the only one that can be said to be hunted to any great extent.

By the word "flat-fish," on page 16, is meant not the true flat-fish, but what is commonly known in some parts of the country as the "common pond-fish," "bream," or "pumpkin-seed" (*pomotis auritus*, *vulgaris*, &c.)

CAPT. MELVIN'S FIGHT WITH THE INDIANS.

(See page 24.)

Hon. H. H. Wheeler, of Jamaica, Vt., says that Hall was in error with regard to the place where this fight occurred, and that it is, "beyond question, in Jamaica, just about where the railroad depot is, on the flats near Jamaica village." The evidence upon which Mr. Wheeler bases his conclusion appears to be valid, and Mr. Hall was doubtless in error.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE GRANTEES OF CHESTERFIELD, TO-
GETHER WITH THEIR SHARES.

(See Chart or Plan of Chesterfield.)

NAMES.												
	Lot.	House-lot.	Range.	Lot.	House-lot.	Range.	Lot.	House-lot.	Range.	Lot.	House-lot.	Range.
Alexander, Elias,.....	4	..	2	4	..	3	....	8	12	14	..	14
Arms, John,.....	....	9	11	9	..	13	....	..	..	..	..	..
Arms, John, Jr.,.....	14	..	4	4	..	7	5	..	7	..	5	8
Atkinson, Theodore,	1	..	6	....	6	9	16	..	11	17	..	11
Brooks, John,	1	..	7	5	..	10	....	7	10	....	..	..
Brown, Josiah,.....	2	..	6	12	..	6	3	..	8	..	8	8
Butler, Valentine,.....	9	..	1	10	..	1	..	5	9	15	..	11
Butler, Oliver,	8	..	2	....	2	12	7	..	14	8	..	14
Cooley, Simon,.....	....	2	7	4	..	8	2	..	13	....	..	..
Davis, Samuel, .....	....	6	10	4	..	11	1	..	12	4	..	12
Day, Ebenezer,	1	..	4	17	..	6	5	..	11	....	11	11
Dean, William,	14	..	1	14	..	2	....	8	11	10	..	15
Down, William, .....	....	10	8	5	..	15	6	..	15	....	..	..
Downing, John,	14	..	8	16	..	8	17	..	8	....	8	9
Field, Samuel,	4	..	1	9	..	5	4	..	6	....	11	9
Field, David,.....	2	..	9	3	..	9	....	3	9	4	..	10
Fletcher, Robert,.....	6	..	1	6	..	4	6	..	6	....	9	9
French, John, [Jr.],.....	6	..	2	....	11	12	13	..	15	14	..	15
French, Benj.,.....	9	..	2	9	..	4	....	4	12	10	..	14
Gould, Moses,.....	1	..	10	3	..	10	....	11	10	13	..	11
Greely, Samuel,.....	2	..	5	....	9	12	15	..	14	15	..	15
Hubbard, Jona.,.....	....	5	10	16	..	10	17	..	10	12	..	12
Hubbard, David,.....	3	..	4	10	..	7	13	..	12	....	..	..
Hunt, John,.....	14	..	5	14-15	..	7	....	4	8	5	..	14
Hunt, Simon,.....	5	..	2	11	..	7	....	1	12	6	..	14
Kendall, Daniel,	1	..	5	....	13	10	15	..	12	17	..	12
Kendall, John,.....	2	..	3	3	..	3	....	7	11	11	..	15
Kendall, Abraham,.....	12	..	2	13	..	2	....	5	11	11	..	13
Kennada*(?), Sam'l,	15	..	3	2	..	4	....	4	10	5	..	12
Lawrence, William,.....	....	4	9	2	..	11	3	..	11	5	..	13
Lynd, Benj.,	5	..	3	6	..	3	....	4	11	12	..	13
Minister's Share,.....	5	..	1	5	..	5	5	..	8	....	10	9
Moore, John, ..	17	..	5	12-13	..	7	13	..	8	....	7	12

*This name is spelled *Kendall* on the chart, or plan, of the town.

NAMES.												
	Lot.	House.	lot.	Range.	Lot.	House.	lot.	Range.	Lot.	House.	lot.	Range.
Oliver, Peter,	16	..	7		17	..	7		.....	2	10	7 .. 13
Pain, Thomas,	8	..	5		13	..	5		13	..	6	.. 7 8
Sheaffe, Samson, .....	.....	10	10		2	..	12		3	..	12	14 .. 12
Smith, Samuel,	16	..	5		16	..	6		3	..	7	.. 12 9
Spafford, Silas, .....	.....	12	11		8	..	16		.....	.....	.....	.....
Spafford, John,	16	..	4		1-2	of 7	8		.....	3	10	6 .. 13
Spalding, William,	7	..	6		1/2 of 7	.....	7		8	..	7	9 .. 7
Stearns, David,	12	..	5		15	..	5		5	..	6	.. 3 8
Stone, Simon,	7	..	2		9	..	6		.....	6	12	12 .. 14
Stoodley, James,	1 1/2 7	..	7		16	..	9		17	..	9	3 .. 13
Trobridge, Caleb,	11	..	6		.....	1	7		12	..	8	2 .. 10
Wait, Phineas,	4	..	4		.....	12	10		14	..	11	.....
Wentworth, John, (<i>See pp. 32, 33.</i>)	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....
Wentworth, Samuel, .....	.....	1	10		8	..	13		13	..	13	15 .. 13
Wetherby, Joanna,	7	..	4		7	..	5		.....	10	11	9 .. 15
Wheelwright, John,	10	..	2		10	..	3		.....	5	12	11 .. 14
Wheelwright, Nathan'l, .....	.....	9	8		14	..	10		15	..	10	4 .. 14
Wheelwright, Joseph,	6	..	5		14-15	..	6		.....	.....	.....	2 8
Wheelwright, Jeremiah,	4	..	13		10	..	13		2	..	7	.....
Whitney, James,	13	..	1		14	..	3		.....	13	11	7 .. 16
Wibird, Richard,	7	..	1		8	..	1		.....	7	9	16 .. 12
Willard, Josiah,	4	..	9		5	..	9		.....	2	9	11 .. 1
Willard, Nathan,*	11	..	3		11	..	4		15(?)	..	8 (?)	.. 13 12
Willard, Oliver,	11	..	2		.....	10	12		14-15	..	16	.....
Willard, Oliver, Jr.,	12	..	3		.....	3	11		7	..	3	13 .. 10
Willard, Josiah, Jr.,	3	..	5		1	..	9		.....	1	9	.....
Willard, Nathan, Jr.,	12	..	4		13	..	4		.....	6	8	1 .. 13
Willard, Wilder,	9	..	3		10	..	4		.....	1	11	12 .. 15
Willard, William,	13	..	3		8	..	6		.....	12	12	13 .. 16
Willard, Solomon,	15	..	4		10	..	5		.....	1	8	.....
Willard, Billy,	15	..	9		.....	8	10		12	..	11	.....
Willard, Joseph, .....	.....	.....	.....		12	..	1		3	..	6	.....
Willard, Simon,	10	..	6		.....	2	11		14	..	13	.....

*Also, Lot 12 in the 16th Range.

THE STEAMBOAT "ENTERPRISE."

(See p. 173.)

The following description of this little steamer was not received in season to be inserted in its proper place.

"The public is indebted to the energy and perseverance of Mr. J. W. White for the existence of this fine little steamer, and who, while laboring under difficulties, financial and otherwise, any one of which would have disheartened a man of less determination, pursued his course for nearly three years, before the obstacles were overcome and the 'Enterprise' completed and launched upon the waters of Lake Spafford, July 3, 1876.

Her model was drafted by D. J. Lawlor, of E. Boston, Mass.; her builders, on the shore of the lake, were Stephen G. and Edward McLeod, navy-yard employes. Her length is 40 feet, breadth of beam 15 feet, depth of hold 4 feet, draft 28 inches, diameter of propeller-wheel 32 inches; her build being for safety and comfort rather than speed: stanch, and a perfect model of first-class work. Her engine is 8 horse-power, boiler 12 horse-power, capable of furnishing steam for a larger engine, should it be necessary. Her carrying capacity is about 125 persons; though upon occasion as many as 150 have been on board at a single trip. At this present writing, she is probably in better condition than ever before; manned by competent officers, and every way deserves and retains the confidence of the hundreds of visitors who are carried upon her decks.

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 DEATH BY DROWNING IN SPAFFORD'S LAKE.
(See p. 173.)

In the afternoon of Friday the 26th day of May, 1882, Geo. A. Conly, basso, and Herman Reitzel, pianist, of Clara Louise Kellogg's concert company, were drowned in the lake while rowing for pleasure. These gentlemen, with others, came over from Brattleboro, where the company had an engagement to give a concert in the evening of the next day. Having procured a boat at F. H. Farr's boat-house, Conly and Reitzel started out, leaving the rest

of the party on land, and were last seen by the latter off the northern point of the island. Not having returned at the proper time, fears were entertained for their safety, as a strong southerly wind was blowing, and the waves were running pretty high. Search was consequently made for them, and their boat found bottom upwards; but not till the next day was unmistakable evidence obtained that they had been drowned. Vigorous efforts were then made to recover the bodies of the unfortunate men, by dredging, by firing a cannon, by exploding dynamite cartridges in the lake, and by the employment of various other devices.

The bodies were not found, however, till they rose, Reitzel being discovered floating Wednesday forenoon, the 7th day of the following June, and Conly Wednesday morning, the 14th day of the same month. The latter was without coat or shoes, and had evidently made a desperate effort to save his own, and perhaps his companion's, life. The place of the disaster seems to have been about 60 rods north-east of the northern point of the island.

Mr. Conly was a native of Southwark, a suburb of Philadelphia, and was 37 years old; Mr. Reitzel was a native of New York, and was only 19 years old.

PUBLIC CEMETERIES AND THE TOWN COMMON.

(See p. 181.)

The old grave-yard at the Centre Village appears to have been, originally, a part of the town common. From the language used in the deed of Day to Harvey (see p. 183), it is quite evident that Col. King did not present the common to the town, but that it was conveyed by Day himself; for the latter, in defining the bounds of the land which he sold to Harvey, described one bound as follows: " * * bounding on said road westerly up to the common, which I hereby reserve, it being heretofore reserved and deeded to the town, as the fences now stand, &c."

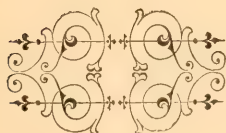
With regard to the "North-west burying-ground," or the "Robertson grave-yard," it is inferred that it was deeded to the town by James Robertson, at an early period; for, in his deed to

Timothy Robertson, bearing the date of March 4, 1813, the premises granted were described as being lot No. 14, in the 13th range, &c., "all except a burying-yard that is now deeded to the town of Chesterfield, a piece of land on the south-east corner of said lot." The statement on page 181, respecting this grave-yard, was made in ignorance of the existence of this deed.

FAMILY OF BENJAMIN CRESSEY.

(See p. 262.)

Benjamin Cressey, son of Jonathan (3), lived in Chesterfield, and probably died in 1844. His children were as follows: *Harriet*, unm.; d. 1831.—*Benj. Ballard*, m. Rebecca Smith, of Southbridge, Mass.; d. at Terre Haute, Ind.—*Maria D.*, m. Kendall Davis (3); d. in Broomfield, Ind., Feb. 19, 1874, a. 66.—*Albert*, unm.; d. in Chfd.—*Adeline A.*, m. — Shaw, of Worthington, Ind.—*Franklin B.*, m. Marcia Rebecca, dau. of Abraham Wood (3), and removed to Ind. (See p. 493.)—*Martha M.*, m. Mark Shryer, of Broomfield, Ind.; d. June 12, 1879.



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